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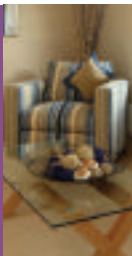
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# PROPERTY MARKET TO RIDE STORM

## Buy-to-let sector sparks optimism among agents

PROPERTY experts say the town's housing market is well placed to survive the predicted battering by the credit crunch crisis.

As buyers and sellers brace themselves for a tricky few months, amid nerves from the major financial institutions to lend money for mortgages and a slump in house prices, Ashford could be set to miss the worst of the problems.

And although the market has slowed, confidence in the future remains sky high.

■ BY ED HILL

Speaking to Yourashford, Ray Pentland, manager of High Street estate agents Connells, said: "In the right locations there is still a demand.

"There are first-time buyers about, who if the property is in the right place and they really want it, are still going for it.

"The supply side is slightly lower as well, because less people are moving at the moment so that holds prices up."

But it is the rental market which

is providing the stable back-bone in these troubled times.

Mr Pentland said: "A major factor in the Ashford housing market is the buy-to-let sector. People who are selling a lot in the other parts of the country seem to be hanging on to their properties in Ashford.

"They can see things on the horizon such as the high-speed link, the new shopping centre and the improvements to the roads.

"I think they are saying to themselves 'if we hang on, things will be getting better anyway'."

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## GOODIES GALORE AT CENTRE'S GRAND DAY

Already a big hit with shoppers since its opening last month, County Square chiefs will mark its expansion in style this weekend with a day of family fun and entertainment. Saturday will see competitions, goodie bags and special offers - as well as some special guests (pictured) - on offer to shoppers. FULL STORY - SEE PAGE 3

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# MP wades into lorry park plans controversy

■ BY ED HILL

MP Damian Green says he is determined to ensure locals are not 'bounced into a decision' on the controversial Aldington lorry park.

While some concerns had been voiced about the Tory politician's stance on plans to build the £40million, 3,000-space park just off the M20, he came out fighting this weekend after attending the latest public meeting on the proposals in Brabourne.

And he left campaigners in little doubt that he will be pushing Kent County Council for answers to key questions over its 'preferred' site between Aldington, Smeeth and Sellindge.

Speaking in the latest of a string of exclusive video diaries for Yourashford - available to view on our free broadband TV site [www.yourkenttv.co.uk](http://www.yourkenttv.co.uk), Mr Green said: "Obviously, local people have concerns."

"I want to make sure they do not feel they are going to be bounced into a decision and have something on their doorstep that they do not want."

"It is important people have a proper say and I think having a long and protracted decision-making process is a good thing. We need to tease out all the issues."

## Battling

Mr Green says he fully understands the concerns of local residents battling the proposals.

He said: "I have heard from local people and talked to councillors from that area so I have heard the views that are being expressed and I know that most of those will be against the park. That is entirely understand-



DISCUSSIONS: Damian Green, MP, says people must have their voices heard in the Aldington lorry park decision

able."

However, the MP said there needed to be a solution to the problems caused by Operation Stack.

He said: "KCC needs to explain two things: firstly, is there a need for a lorry park at all, and secondly, why they have chosen this particular site?"

Responding to local criticism that the county council had panicked and rushed into the decision he said: "I think to get this announcement out early and have this debate is the lesser of two evils."

"It could have been worse, they could have just plunked a fully worked out proposal on the table and said here it is."

Mr Green said the planning process must be seen to be independent which could mean the proposals being called in by the Government and a public inquiry.

He said: "I share people's concerns about the planning process being transparent. If that means bringing in a planning inspector then that would be preferable."

## 'We don't know how bad things are going to get'

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But Ashford MP Damian Green says townsfolk looking to climb the housing ladder will still find themselves affected by the current squeeze.

The Conservative politician said: "The advantage for Ashford is our domestic rail services are going to get better with journey times to London dropping to 38 minutes, but I don't think Ashford is in any way immune from this credit crisis. We don't know how bad things are going to get."

Ashford is seen as an attractive location for buy-to-let landlords because its prices are lower compared to nearby towns like Canterbury and Maidstone.

## Losses

Mr Pentland said: "The rental market in the town is still strong. Unless they have to sell they might as well stick with it until things improve. There are some who have to sell and they will no doubt be suffering some losses."

Mr Pentland says the market has slowed down compared to last year but in the right areas demand and prices are still at the same level.

But despite the cautious optimism, house prices are set to continue to drop - although, it is hoped, not as dramatically as some elsewhere.

Mr Pentland said: "The market could not have continued going up at the same rate as it had been. There was bound to be a period of readjustment."

"I think we will get a drop of about ten to 15 per cent but in other parts of the country we will see a lot more than that. We know we have to experience a period of time like this."

"In the traditionally good areas of town there is still a good level of demand and prices seem to be holding up."

Paul Martin from Saddlers estate agent in Charing said: "There has been a slow down but premium properties are still selling well. Ashford remains a popular choice for those moving from London."

## Listening service to hear from chairman

STEVE Evans, the national chairman of the Samaritans, will be the special guest speaker at the local branch's annual general meeting tonight.

Ashford and Tenterden Samaritans stages its AGM at the Elwick Club at 7.30pm on Wednesday.

A spokesman said: "The Samaritans is usually associated with the act of suicide alone, when in reality the listening service covers much more than that. Virtually all funding comes from public donations. It costs the Ashford and Tenterden branch around £10,000 a year to operate."

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# Fraudster 'lucky' to avoid prison term

## Builder tricked £25k in benefits

■ BY ED HILL

COUNCIL chiefs say a builder who conned more than £25,000 in benefits has been 'very lucky' to not find himself locked up.

Ivan Baldock, 47, from Mersham, pleaded guilty to claiming the cash over a five-year period despite earning almost £50,000 as a site foreman.

Ashford magistrates last week handed him a six-month suspended prison sentence and insisted he carry out 250 hours of unpaid community work over the next 12 months.

In addition, Baldock will have to pay back the entire sum he stole from the public purse – as well as pay £600 costs.

Cllr Paul Bartlett deputy leader of Ashford council said: "I think this individual can consider himself very lucky not to be behind bars. We have seen before the courts have no hesitation in sending people to jail for committing benefit fraud on this scale.

"This is the biggest single case we have secured a conviction against in terms of the money fraudulently claimed and people have been jailed for lesser amounts. I think most



people will be shocked that this person was having his rent and council tax paid by the public purse for five years despite earning high wages."

The case highlights the serious issues raised by Yourashford's Your Money, Your Loss! campaign – launched earlier this year to help claw back the money fraudulently claimed from the public purse and which could be better spent on community projects.

Baldock had deceived the council by diverting £700 of his salary to his son each month. This made it appear that he was within the threshold of council tax and housing benefit entitlement. He consistently denied any wrongdoing until presented with indisputable facts under questioning by the council's fraud team.

The council say reports to its benefit fraud hotline have rocketed by more than 25 per cent since the start of the Your Money, Your Loss! campaign in February.

Cllr Bartlett added: "Once again we'd like to thank Yourashford for giving this important

issue the publicity it deserves. It's clearly having results."

Our campaign – already backed by senior government ministers and local MP Damian Green – encourages everyone who believes someone may be cheating the system to inform council officers, while also looking to actively discourage anyone foolhardy enough to believe they can get away with it.

With a host of new high-tech methods at their disposal, the council's crack anti-fraud team is able to use data cross-matching methods to check exactly who earns what and from where – and whether they are entitled to the money they are claiming.

Those found guilty of stealing face having to pay back every penny, plus hefty punishments, including jail terms.

If you feel someone is swindling the system call Ashford council's confidential benefits hotline on 08000 262456, giving as much details as possible, or call the council direct on 01233 330453.

## Strike to hit town's schools

AT least two schools in the town are set to shut for the day tomorrow as the impact of the one-day teachers' strike is felt.

The National Union of Teachers (NUT) has called on its members to stage the protest in a dispute over wages.

Among the schools hit will be Towers in Kennington while the North School will also be shut. However, North staff say they will provide emergency supervision for pupils if necessary.

Discussions continued throughout yesterday and today as to the impact the strike will have on other schools.

The strike has been called in response to the government's decision to increase teachers' pay by 2.45 per cent in September, below both inflation and average pay rises in the private sector, which are both above four per cent.

The union's acting general secretary Christine Blower said: "The government must act immediately to prevent further damage to schools' ability to recruit and retain teachers and to restore teachers' morale and motivation."

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Discover what art in the community can offer our town

## Community building too expensive for council repair

THE future of Swanton House as a community centre seems to be at a permanent end after Kent County Council chiefs said the costs of fixing its problems could be too much.

As reported in last week's Yourashford the centre which is on Elwick Road has had to close following a fire safety inspection.

Now a KCC spokesman has hinted it may not reopen, saying: "Over the last 18 months KCC has spent £13,000 on repairs to ensure the building was suitable for occupation.

"However further bills which include fire safety measures and provision of a new boiler for heating and hot water are in the region of a further £15,000.

"Although we appreciate it is disappointing, the building is due to be disposed of and then demolished in approximately 18 months time.

"It is not a cost-effective use of public monies for KCC to invest in this building further. However, if other interested parties are able to fund the necessary improvements then the building will remain available for use until its disposal."

## Centre set for huge crowds at family fun day

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

THOUSANDS are set to descend on the new-look County Square on Saturday as the shopping complex celebrates its extension with a day of fun for all the family.

Events taking place include face painting, jugglers, stilt walkers and a visit from Titan the giant robot.

There will also be swag bags available for people to pick up prize goodies and discounts from the stores.

Frances Burt, commercial manager of County Square, said: "This is designed as a really fun day for people to get a chance to take a good look at what is going on at the new centre.

"Things will be kicked off by a town crier.

"The events will be available at various locations around the centre between 11am and 4pm.

"The spot prizes and swag bags will be given out throughout the day.

We have tried to get gifts that people will find useful."

Since the centre 'soft-launched' in March there has been a dramatic increase in the number of shoppers visiting County Square.

Mrs Burt said: "We are really pleased with how things have been going. But even at a low estimate we are 21 per cent up in terms of our foot-fall figures this time last year.

"Saturdays and Sundays have been really busy. The feedback from people has been really good.

"They love the look and feel of the new extension.

"This event will give everyone who hasn't had the chance to come and see the new extension the chance to realise just how much better this shopping centre has become."

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## Footy stars to kick-off hospital charity match

FORMER Gillingham boss Andy Hessenthaler is set to line-up alongside former Everton star Neville Southall in a charity football match at Ashford Town's the Homelands tomorrow.

The duo are set to line-up in a celebrity side led by ex-Liverpool ace and former Ashford schoolboy Neil 'Razor' Ruddock against an Ashford Town XI made up of players past and present.

A crowd of around 1,000 is expected with money going to the William Harvey cardiac care unit. Kick-off is Thursday at 7.45pm.

## Old school site could become new housing

PLANS to build 158 homes on a former primary school site on Jemmett Road will be discussed by the council's planning committee today.

The buildings of the old Ashford South Primary School will be demolished and some of the existing playing fields will be used to make way for the new homes.

The application has been made by Kent County Council. The planning officer has recommended that the application be approved as it is line with the local development plan.

## Sounds like a chance to crack music business

A STRING of sessions designed to give music lovers the chance to learn basic production skills and advice on how to get into the music industry will be staged at a local recording studio.

Bilting-based Diverse Music will be opening its doors on Saturday mornings between 9am and noon this summer and structured in four-week blocks.

Director of the studio, Malissa Whitehouse said: "There will be something for all styles and genres."

For more details and to book visit [info@diversemusic.co.uk](http://info@diversemusic.co.uk) or call 01233 811811.

## PR firm associates with high standards

A PUBLIC relations company in the town has become the first in Kent to join the industry's national association.

DTW Vavasour Limited, which started business in 2001, is now a member of the Public Relations Consultants Association.

Charlie Vavasour, managing director of the company based in Charter House, said: "The association strives to ensure all agencies registered provide the highest standards of services to businesses worldwide – the same objective as we have for all our clients."

# A Smart way to put art into your home

■ BY ED HILL

IT proved a big hit Down Under and is revolutionising the way we are decorating our homes.

And now a new store which promises to change the way in which we buy and order art has opened up its latest branch – at the Ashford Designer Outlet Centre.

In addition to offering work off-the-shelf, SmartArt offers bespoke pieces designed at a size to suit the home in which it is to hang.

Users can even suggest their own designs or landscapes on which work can be based.

The company first began in Australia and this new store is the first in the UK.

Manager of the new outlet, Caroline Lee, said: "The idea was originally developed for interior designers but then the general public started to take an interest, so the shops were opened."

"People can bring in a picture of a particular landscape they like and we will reproduce it as a painting. For example, we had some rugby pictures done when the World Cup was on. We can literally do almost anything people want, except for family portraits."

The orders are sent to the company's team of in-house artists who are based in Bali in Indonesia.

Ms Lee said: "We have a proper studio that is set up there. All the artists are local to the area."

The company says the artists and their families are well looked after by the company in Indonesia, with a percentage of its profits going straight to charity.

An individual commission should take



PICTURE THIS: Caroline Lee from new store SmartArt at the Designer Outlet Centre

around three months to complete including shipping time. Prices range from £65 to £450 depending on size.

But it has come in for criticism from one of the town's best-known artists.

Oliver Wincone, chairman of Ashford Visual Artists and the man behind the Nimby elephant which appeared in the town recently, said rather than shipping work out to Bali,

there was plenty of local talent happy to take on work.

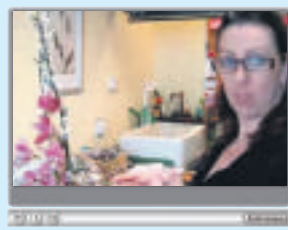
He said: "I feel it will never replace speaking to an artist face to face and voicing your ideas for a commission."

"We have two big art groups in Ashford, covering a wide range of disciplines, techniques and styles of working. There should be no reason to go down this route."

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## A blooming success story

CHOOSING the right flowers for the right occasion can be a difficult task – so let one expert put you on the right track.

Carol Mason runs The Flower Shop in Bank Street, offering customers a range of services.

Reporter Ed Hill visited her store and went behind the scenes to learn how she puts together some of her displays.

Mrs Mason first became interested in the business when she visited the shop to order a funeral tribute for her mother – who had also trained as a florist.

Now she has become a partner in the busi-

ness and relishes the creative input she has on designing the displays for every occasion.

To watch Mrs Mason in action, log-on to our free, broadband TV channel, [www.yourkenttv.co.uk](http://www.yourkenttv.co.uk) and discover more.

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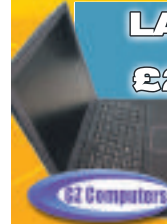


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Picture: ED HILL

**STANDING THE HEAT:** Michelin-starred chef Graham Garrett of The West House Restaurant in Biddenden

# Chef taking on sausage role for banger company

■ BY ED HILL

THE great British banger may not be the obvious choice for top gourmet palates but Michelin-starred chef Graham Garrett has been asked to come up with a recipe for the traditional sausage.

Mr Garrett owns and runs the West House Restaurant in Biddenden.

He was asked by the Parkinson company to produce a recipe which included its sausages made from outdoor-reared pork from British farmers (see below).

What's more, it will be his face on packets of sausages from the firm – due in shops by the end of this month – to celebrate the Great British Banger, along with two other Michelin-starred chefs.

The chef said: "A sausage is a sausage, so it was actually quite difficult to come up with an original recipe that included them, but in a way that was part of the challenge because it is something that people eat every day."

"It is the sort of recipe that people will be able to do at home."

"I hope that I have come up with something that will inspire people to do something a bit different from just the usual cou-

ple of slices of bread or mashed potato."

Mr Garrett first opened his restaurant in Biddenden six years ago. He moved to the area after having worked with many of the top London chefs.

He said: "I was always interested in cooking. At that time the profession was not that well thought of and my father thought I should not get involved. Since then that has all changed."

Mr Garrett gained his prestigious Michelin star in 2002.

He said: "It was ironic really. I moved down here to get away from the competitive atmosphere of the restaurants in London where everyone is chasing after a Michelin star. Then a year after I opened here they gave me one. I did not believe it at first."

Mr Garrett says that he was one of the first cooks to really try and use local sourced produce.

He said: "Now people talk about this all the time. Actually, I think it is more important to get the best ingredients and of course that is usually from the producer who is just up the road."

## Go online to meet restaurant star

YOU can watch Graham Garrett in action – and discussing his culinary work on transforming the humble sausage – on our free, broadband site, [www.yourkenttv.co.uk](http://www.yourkenttv.co.uk).

Yourashford reporter Ed Hill went to visit him in action where he learned about one of Mr Garrett's recipes for the humble banger – a fennel and apple salad served with a mustard and honey dressing.

Porkinson sausages were originated by famous society photographer Norman Parkinson – famed for his shots of the likes of Audrey Hepburn and the Rolling Stones.

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### Clause added to plans to extend superstore

SAINSBURY'S has been told to clean up its act as council planning chiefs prepare to give the green light to extension plans to its Warren Retail Park store.

Councillors had been set to fully pass the application but discovered that a waste management strategy had not been addressed in the original document.

Cllr Richard Honey raised the issue and a new clause has now been added ensuring the supermarket giant has to deal with the separation of waste, customer recycling facilities, avoidance of unnecessary packaging and recycling of out of date and damaged food stuffs.

The clause has now been added and the planning officer has recommended the plans be passed at a meeting of the planning committee today.

The extension to the store will involve the demolition of two retail warehouses on the site for parking. The store will be increased in size and a new entrance will be constructed along with refurbishments to the restaurant.

### Beauty spot proved a costly attraction

A LEISURELY stroll proved costly after crooks smashed the back window of a woman's car while she went for a walk in Park Wood, Appledore.

The thieves struck near the picnic site in Woodchurch Road, stealing a handbag that was inside the car.

A police spokesman said: "Unfortunately the very thing that makes these areas attractive to walkers also makes them attractive to opportunist thieves. We advise people not to leave any valuables in the car."

For information on security contact the Community Safety Unit on 01233 660747.

### Chamber event is ideal way to make contacts

BUSINESS figures will be converging on the Ashford International Hotel in June for its popular annual exhibition.

The business-to-business event – now in its 22nd year – will take place on June 24 and is being organised by the Invicta Chamber of Commerce.

The event will held from 10am-5pm. Organisers say it is an ideal way for local businesses to make contacts. There will also be a networking lunch.

Entrance to the exhibition is free. For details about exhibition space at the event contact Frankie on 01233 503838 or email [frankie@kentinvictachamber.co.uk](mailto:frankie@kentinvictachamber.co.uk).

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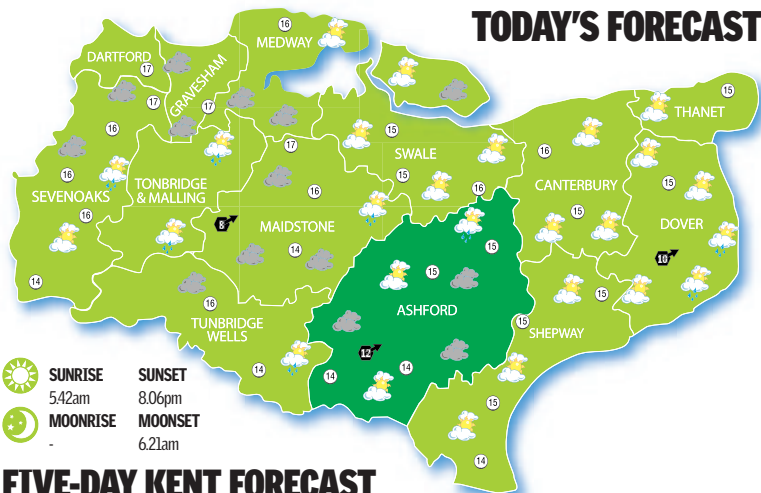
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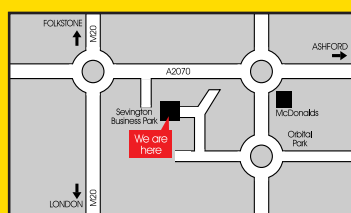
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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### ROSEMARY ALEXANDER



**Q** How long have you been associated with Ashford?

**A** I have known Ashford for over 20 years, so I have seen a lot of changes. I think the town gets a bad press, to be honest. It's easy to look at the negatives and have a good moan, but I would rather work here than other policing areas in Kent (naming no names) that really do have significant problems. Once the road works are completed I think it will be a comfortable place to live and work.

**Q** You are the longest serving police press officer in Kent, what stands out after nine years in your role?

**A** I joined Kent police in March 1999, and my first big project was the preparations for the millennium. I remember that we had pages of contingency plans if the dreaded millennium bug actually bit and the world's computer network collapsed and cyber space imploded.

One of the most memorable jobs I can remember was the so-called 'ring road rapist'. We had a report of a young girl being snatched and raped in Stanhope.

During the subsequent weeks it became clear that a serial rapist was on the loose and a huge police hunt, involving several counties, was under way. Antoni Imiela, from Appledore, was caught using DNA and sentenced to a lengthy jail sentence.

It was huge story, and held the interest of the national and international media for many weeks.

It was exciting to be working with such a

huge investigation, and very gratifying when excellent police work, which included extensive media appeals, bought the offender to justice.

**Q** What are the issues that particularly affect Ashford?

**A** Ashford is actually one of the safest places to live in Kent, and in the main it's the low level type of crimes which affect us. Of course, there have been murders, serious assaults and nasty robberies over the years, but thankfully not as frequently as other parts of the country.

**Q** What changes have you seen during your time with Kent police?

**A** The biggest changes have been in the area reorganisation of Kent police and the impact this has had on media officers.

When I joined, Kent was divided into nine policing areas, and the Weald stretched from Cranbrook to New Romney, an area the size of Bedfordshire. Added to that, there were only five area press officers. Now there are six policing areas, and each area has two press officers.

Corporate communications at HQ has also expanded and Kent now has one of the best corporate communications departments in the country.

**Q** What is it like working as a press officer for Kent police?

**A** This is the best job I have ever had. Every day is different and I can either be tearing

my hair out in the office or getting out and about with the press at incidents or planned operations.

The only given for everyday is that I am at my desk by 8am at the latest – Ashford traffic permitting.

The rewards are huge, not least because I am sometimes able to redress the balance when the police get hammered in the press on occasion. Public opinion is very fickle and led on the whole by headlines.

I know the officers in south Kent work very hard, and they are dedicated to their jobs. I am actually very proud to work alongside them.

**Q** Did you have a childhood hero?

**A** When I was about 11 I read Wuthering Heights for the first time, and was completely amazed by it.

Ever since I have been in complete awe of Emily Bronte. I am astounded by the passion of the story written by a young girl who lived a sheltered life in an isolated rectory on the Yorkshire moors.

Where did she get that plot line from?

**Q** What hobbies or interests do you have?

**A** Like half of the population, I have written a novel.

That was the easy bit, now comes the real task of finding an agent and getting published – anyone out there, by any chance?

**Q & A**

Reporter **Ed Hill** turns the tables on Rosy Alexander, the longest serving area press officer in Kent, to discuss her role handling the media and putting pen to paper in her spare time too.



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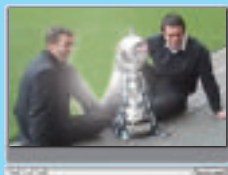
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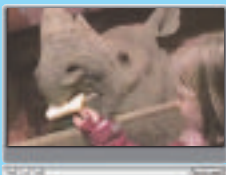
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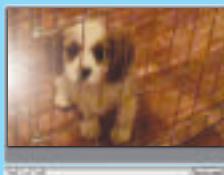
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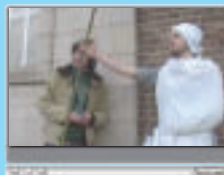
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# Crowds lifted me as rain dampened hopes

Our very own sports reporter DAVID PRITCHARD proved he has what it takes in one of the world's most gruelling sport events – the Flora London Marathon. Having had a chance to catch his breath, he explains what it was like.

IT'S not often you find yourself between Gordon Ramsay and Ronan Keating, but that's precisely what happened on The Mall ten days ago.

Measuring your athletic abilities against celebrities is one of the many little bonuses which come with taking part in the London Marathon.

The three of us were among just over 34,000 to finish in what was not only the third largest in the race's history, but also the longest.

It was a touch ironic that on the occasion the race organisers had chosen to mark the centenary of the first running of the modern marathon distance, an emergency added 200 metres to the route.

Unbeknown to us competitors, as we set off in Greenwich Park the fire

brigade were being called to a suspected gas leak 13 miles further down the course.

As a result some of the field ended up running slightly more than the 26 miles 385 yards which was first covered in the 1908 London Olympics.

In previous competitions the distance had varied by over a mile and the original course from Windsor to the Olympic Stadium was 25 miles, plus a lap of the White City athletics track.

But in a last minute change of plan the start was moved back up to Windsor Castle to allow the royal family to watch, adding a mile to the total.

The race entered sporting folklore not because of the change in distance, but due to its heart-wrenching finish. Italian Dorando Pietri entered the arena on his own but on the verge of total exhaustion. Collapsing several times he was helped to his feet by stew-



**ACTION:** Among the 34,000 to finish the London Marathon was our reporter David Pritchard who is already keen to sign up for next year's race

ards, which meant that as he crossed the line he was disqualified for receiving outside assistance.

Fortunately my experience was a little easier than Signor Pietri's, but running a marathon can still have its pitfalls. Of the massed ranks on the start line, around one in nine needed medical assistance of some kind during the race while 40 runners ended up in hospital despite relatively benign conditions.

The marathon tests mental strength as much as physical and my mind and body began to fall out with each other at around 15 miles.

It had all been going so well up to that point, but the combination of a rain shower and a rare quiet section saw the onset of the first of several difficult patches.

When things start to go wrong, the spectators take on a starring role.

In the most popular sections

around Canary Wharf and the Embankment they manage to create an atmosphere which numbs the pain and replenishes flagging energy levels. They also bring all kinds of sweets to give strugglers a sugar boost, which is a wonderful idea and certainly helped propel me onwards to the finish.

Running a marathon requires months of lonely training, pushes you to uncharted levels of exhaustion and for days you walk

around like an old lady.

But somehow it's all worth it and within hours I found myself thinking about doing it all over again. And next time I'm beating Ramsay.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Modest David was raising money for Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY) and raised £1,500.

He completed the race in an impressive three hours, 57 minutes, 44 seconds – comfortably beating TV action man Ben Fogle by seven minutes... not to mention around 23,000 of the 34,000 other runners.



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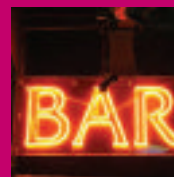
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# Economy and jobs boost as visitor numbers soar



**MAJOR ATTRACTION:** Leeds Castle is one of the sites that is boosting Kent's tourist economy with visitor numbers and spend up in new figures just released for 2006

**TOURISM** in Kent has seen a sharp rise in the number of visitors exploring local attractions and spending their cash in restaurants, stores, bars and cafes.

New figures show that during 2006 the county's economy benefited by £2.5 billion, an increase of 13.5 per cent on 2003.

Attractions such as Canterbury Cathedral, Leeds, Rochester and Dover castles, and Port Lympne and Howletts wildlife parks, all contributed to the boom.

Seven per cent of jobs are now supported by the travel industry – whether through day trippers or people taking a longer break. This is an increase of 2.2 per cent.

The figures were substantially up on those for 2003, which Visit Kent – a tourism group

■ **BY NICK AMES**

run by Kent County Council – used as a comparison.

According to the calculations more than 39 million day trippers arrived two years ago, and they spent more than £1.3 billion, a rise of 19.7 per cent. Just under that sum was spent by longer term tourists from the UK and visitors from overseas.

In all 84 per cent of visitors came from the UK with the rest mainly from continental Europe, the USA and Japan.

Fran Warrington, head of Visit Kent, said: "Tourism is a fragile and competitive industry and across the UK it has taken a long time to recover from the foot and mouth epidemic.

"But these figures show just how well we have been doing in maintaining and develop-

ing our position as a top UK destination.

"In part, these results are a reflection of the tremendous investment that has been made in our industry since 2003.

"When the research was carried out in 2006 more than £148.5 million was being invested in Kent in tourism-related developments.

"Major projects ranged from the £90 million second Swale Crossing improving access to the seaside resorts and heritage attractions on the Isle of Sheppey, to the new £37 million ferry berths and ships serving the Port of Dover."

KCC regeneration chief Roger Gough said the county faced the challenges of cheap air fares and city breaks in Europe but he said Kent had a bright future in the industry.

Mr Gough said: "This study confirms that our tourism, leisure and hospitality businesses are rising to both the short and long term challenges in their marketplace."

## Death of mother prompts action



HOSPITAL trusts must not get complacent in the fight against superbugs, a campaigner has warned.

Laura Probert joined the National Concern for Healthcare Infections (NCHI), which works to raise awareness of superbugs and other infections, after her mother died at the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford three years ago.

She said: "She was in there because she fell and broke her hip, she was not ill.

"They operated and she got an MRSA infection in the wound. She was in hospital for three months and developed Clostridium difficile and e-coli – she just gave up in the end."

Since the loss of her 82-year-old mother, Mrs Probert, who lives in Ramsgate, has been working on behalf of the NCHI and plans to join LINK, the Local Involvement Network that will replace Patient and Public Involvement Forums.

"We were not told anything," she said. "It was such a battle to get information, but it has picked up now and they are taking it more seriously."

Despite infection rates of MRSA and C diff decreasing in hospitals across the county, Mrs Probert is concerned that trusts could get complacent and return to bad practice.

KOS Media has been running a campaign to help doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals battle against superbugs.

The award-winning publishers have been raising awareness that simply washing your hands at home and work using soap and water and the alcohol hand washing gel provided in hospitals is the simplest way to stop infection spreading.

Mrs Probert is speaking at the Westminster Health Forum next month about monitoring hand hygiene procedures and welcomed KOS Media's campaign.

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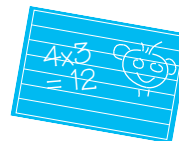
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## BREAK TIME



## Curious children explore woods

CHILDREN at the North School in Ashford are continuing their collaboration with the Stour Valley Arts project.

Sarah Baker science teacher at the school said: "The students are working on a project entitled Curiosity, which encourages them to describe through written work, art and science, their findings, experiences, thoughts and observations about the changes that occur within the forest."

Students visited King's Wood in Challock at different times of the year and explored the materials available throughout the seasons. Members of the Stour Valley project worked with staff and students reinforcing ideas and creating sculptures for around the school.

## Boys travel to Spain

YEAR 10 boys from the Norton Knatchbull School spent a successful first leg of their Spanish trip in the town of Lorca.

On the trip the boys got a taste of Spanish life and attended lessons at the Francisco Ros School who have an exchange programme running with the Ashford school.

There will be a second leg to the trip which will take place from May 6-10, when the boys hope to teach their Spanish colleagues the rules of cricket.

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## Magical art exhibition impresses special guest

■ BY ED HILL

CHILDREN at the Ashford Friars Prep School were recently joined by a local eminent artist.

Charles Newington is well known locally for his work on the Folkestone White Horse.

Children at the school spent the early part of last term working on the theme of magic. The exhibition, which was opened by Mr Newington, is planned to coincide with the parent and teacher's Magic Ball. It is designed to fill the corridors and corners of the school with lively and exciting art.

Year 3 children created silhouettes of mythical creatures using different paint effects for backgrounds whilst Year 4 pupils worked in different kinds of media.

Their work included studies of trees in charcoal, biro and fineliner, works of castles from old etchings, watercolour washes of sunsets and paintings of pixies and fairies both from other artists and their own imagination.

Year 5 children were treated to a visit to a local church and after a short talk about magic and religion they studied interesting shapes within the ancient building. These were later turned into images cut out of lino and prints.

Year 6 students were able to experiment with silk screen printing to create magical images.

Each art work was then mounted and framed and displayed in an exhibition to parents. The aim is to raise money for a new printing press for the school's art department.

Mr Newington said: "I was very impressed by the standard of the work."

"I think the initiative of framing the children's work really made it special and something the parents will cherish forever."

"The theme of magic is one that is ideal for



ON DISPLAY: The youngsters' work has been framed and mounted along all the corridors of the school

children. It really helped them to use their imagination, which is so important."

Mr Newington, who lives in Shepway, specialises in etchings and modern designs.

Mr Newington's best known work is his huge chalk horse drawing on the side of a hill above the Channel Tunnel entrance which now overlooks Folkestone. The project was

completed as part of the millennium celebrations and completed with help from local Gurkha soldiers.

Another of his famous pieces is a series of works featuring Buddha inspired by a trip to the Wat Pho temple in Bangkok and etchings based on prehistoric drawings of animals in the Lescaux caves in France.

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## Why I'm bracing myself for the birthday blues

BIRTHDAYS are funny old things. When you're young you crave them coming around on the calendar with the enthusiasm normally only reserved for Christmas.

In fact they are better. You don't have to share the limelight. It's your cake (none of this ludicrous buying cakes for everyone else in the office business, which I still struggle to understand), and, let's not beat about the bush here, your presents.

Yup, from the age of one to about 21, birthdays are glorious affairs.

Yet, from that moment onwards, they take on a more sinister tone. Because while getting older and gaining responsibility comes with each birthday until that undisputed move into adulthood, it obscures the passing of time and the realisation you're not getting any younger.

Granted, when I hear people turning 23 or 24 moaning about getting old, I tend to splutter and start banging on about how actually

that is still really young and what in God's name are they doing complaining? Which, I fully appreciate, then makes me sound as old as some rather ancient hills, and clarifies the fact I have chugged up a generation.

But then I'm much older than that. And I know when I turned 23 I felt I was already on the slippery slope towards the big 3-0... which then seemed like the start of middle age.

Now, of course, having cleared the 30 hurdle some time ago, it seems far more like the little 3-0... a glorious era of youth and vitality. Now it's headlong towards the truly titanic 4-0... which is practically a pensionable age isn't it?

And I know the year ahead will be full of things to remind me I'm no longer part of the 'young' set - which in my brain I still am. Any gigs I attend will inevitably be reformed bands from the Eighties or Nineties, or singers who have long since fallen off young people's radars. I will join the other 30-somethings, all unable to hold their drink, trying to recapture their youth for 90 minutes, and making futile efforts to conceal rapidly expanding waistlines

and double chins which would could be carved off and turned into a new born baby.

As you may have gathered, there is a certain significant date looming on the calendar this month - a birthday which transports me fair and squarely into my mid-thirties. Yet I have done what I always do and started assuming I am that age from about Christmas. That gives me a good four months to get used to the increase in my age, and makes the switch on the big day itself not quite so painful.

But while applying this logic, it means I only get to spend three quarters of the year thinking of myself as the age I actually am. Which means I am wishing my life away, in a desperate attempt to soften the blow of the passing of the years. Which is odd. And it makes me draw the inevitable conclusion that as the years pass I'm losing more of those precious brain cells - and I started with not my fair share in the first place.

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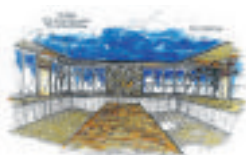
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### DANIEL BIRKIN

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#### Do you live in Ashford?

I actually live in Canterbury but I have worked in Ashford for quite a while. I know it well. I used to work for another similar company in the centre of Ashford.

It is an upcoming town. A lot of money is being spent on it. I think it is getting there.

#### I notice you have a guitar in the office. Why is that?

It's not actually mine, but I play the guitar and the piano. Canterbury has a busy music scene because of the students. I follow some of the bands there.

I jam with some of my friends but I have never really been in a serious band myself. If I am feeling vain I record some of my stuff at home.

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## YOUR LETTERS

### Lorries' no-go zone

As if the lorry park plans could get any worse – the prospect of it becoming a venue for prostitution and drugs turns a nightmare situation into a potential catastrophe (Vice fears over lorry park plan, Yourashford, April 16).

Although the park's site is a little distance from Aldington, Smeeth and Sellindge, it will still make a huge impact on these local areas and it is little wonder there is such concern.

Should the social problems mentioned in your article prove to be an issue it will forever tarnish the reputation of the area, prove a huge blow to house prices and transform a once peaceful and beautiful place to live into a no-go zone.

Helan Watts  
Via email

### Cutting road deaths

I would like to thank Mr Prangnell for his positive feedback on our new website awareness campaign.

I would also like to shed some light on the concerns that Mr Prangnell has.

The aim of telling motorists where the cameras are is so they have advanced warning of the camera enforcement allowing them to slow down and avoid a £60 fine and three points on their licence. The Partnership has never stated speed limits only need to be adhered to at its camera sites. In fact it's quite the opposite as it always encourages the public to stay within the legal limit at all times.

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about the dangers of speeding.

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investigate all other forms of traffic calming before resorting to a safety camera.

More information about safety cameras and our educational campaigns is at [www.kmscp.org](http://www.kmscp.org).

Rachel Wall  
Communications Manager  
Kent & Medway Safety Camera Partnership

## Fingers crossed

While I hope we regain our Brussels services, I am firmly of the belief Eurostar has turned its back on Ashford and is not on the verge of swivelling around again.

Even when the services were running they were poorly publicised and the company's attention seems to be focused on Ebbsfleet rather than Ashford.

I'll keep my fingers crossed they see sense, but I can't see it happening.

Mrs Y Jacob  
Kennington

## A sense of identity

Is it little wonder we in Ashford do not know how to perceive the town? (Changing town has 'split' personality, Yourashford, April 16).

Our once little market town has changed beyond recognition over the last 20 years, with new housing estates and developments expanding it and fragmenting the town.

Having spoken to a number of people who have moved to the town in recent years, many say they rarely even go into the town centre – let alone feel a real affinity with the place.

This is an issue Ashford council needs to address. Should it succeed in changing perceptions, the benefits will be huge – not just financially, but in terms of making Ashford hold a genuine appeal to people looking to move, live and work here.

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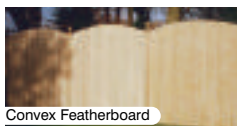
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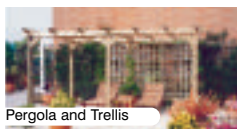


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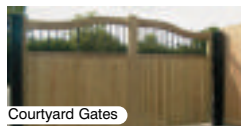


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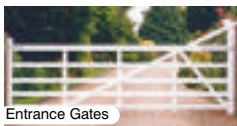


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AS the acknowledged pioneers of folk rock, Steeleye Span brought the genre to the international stage.

Since forming in 1969, the group has been at the forefront of the field and become a musical institution. Members have come and gone over the years, but the line-up has always included some of the leading lights of the British folk scene. Perhaps best known for the hits *All Around My Hat* and *Gaudete*, the band has delighted audiences around the world and achieved gold disc sales status.

Following the revival of traditional British music in smoky clubs during the 50s and 60s, some musicians were beginning to consider the idea of setting folk music to electric accompaniment. In 1969 Fairport Convention released *Liege and Lief*, an acclaimed album of traditional ballads, but most members of the band did not wish to continue the trend.

However, bass player Ashley Hutchings was inspired by the discovery and he found like-minded musicians in the form of Maddy Prior, Tim Hart and Gay and Terry Woods. The group moved into a country house to get to know each other, before recording their first album *Hark! The Village Wait*.

Unfortunately the rehearsal process had not been entirely harmonious and the album would never be performed live, with the Woods being replaced by traditional singer Martin Carthy.



Fiddler Peter Knight was also recruited and the band finally embarked on their first live tour. They also began to get involved in drama and the idea of touring the US was mooted, but Hutchings and Carthy suddenly announced they were leaving the band. The next line-up featured bass player Rick Kemp and guitarist/singer Bob Johnson.

There would be further changes over the decades, but the band took a strong cult following and converted it into an international fan base. They

toured the US with Jethro Tull, entertaining thousands of people with their dramatic staging and unusual songs. Following that tour they recorded the album *Now We Are Six*, which included a track on which David Bowie played saxophone.

Another project required a ukulele and, not knowing anybody who played, the band drafted in Peter Sellers for the afternoon.

It was the release of album *All Around My Hat* in 1975 that saw the peak of the band's commercial success and landed them an appearance on *Top of the Pops*, their second after *Gaudete*. Chart success would not come again, but the band's popularity in the electric folk world continued.

The success of the 35th anniversary tour in 2004 led to the recording of studio albums *Babylon*, *Winter* and the latest album *Bloody Men*, released in November 2006. The current line-up comprises Maddy Prior, the voice of Steeleye Span for 34 years, stalwart fiddler Peter Knight, bassist Rick Kemp, Ken Nicol on guitar and vocals and drummer Liam Genockey.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £17.50. Call the box office on 01892 530613/532072 or book online at [www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk](http://www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk).

### STEELEYE SPAN

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Saturday, May 3  
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Gates open at 9am for horse show spectators and the castle attractions open at 10am. Tickets cost £15/£12.50 for adults and £9.50 for children. Show schedules can be downloaded at [www.leeds-castle.com](http://www.leeds-castle.com).

### GLITZ, BLITZ AND HITS

Friday, May 9  
Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone

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Three classic bands will be taking to the stage and transporting the audience back to a time of flares, platform shoes and glittery make-up.

Showaddywaddy dominated the UK charts in the 70s from their very first release, Hey Rock and Roll, which went to number two. They went on to spend a total of 209 weeks in the top 40 and notch up 10 top 10 singles, including the number one smash

hit Under The Moon of Love. Sweet are considered by many to be the quintessential 70s glam rock band. They scored a number one with Blockbuster and had a further 16 charting hits.

Completing the line-up is The Rubettes featuring Alan Williams, who first reached number

one in 1974 with their first single Sugar Baby Love. The song sold eight million copies worldwide and was just the beginning of the flamboyant band's successful career.

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## Who else will perform at summer festivals?

BY SIMON ROBINSON

FESTIVAL organisers are sadistic geniuses.

Rather than release their full line-up of performers in one big hit, they opt for the 'drip drip' approach, adding odd bands to the bill in random bursts.

The technique is undoubtedly of genius proportions, as it ensures their festival is the talk of the town week in week out.

But it also gives us honest music fans the chance to partake in a fun new game I'm calling Guess Those Bands.

The rules are simple: Take any festival, look at the number of vacant slots still on the bill and then guess which bands you think will be added in the next batch of confirmed performers. For each correct answer you score one point and a big thumbs up from me.

To start the ball rolling, I give you The Hop Farm Festival, being held in Paddock Wood on Sunday, July 6.

Bosses behind the seven-act one-dayer have already confirmed legend Neil Young as headliner, Primal Scream as main support and Britpop heroes Supergrass and American rockers My Morning Jacket as playing – leaving three spaces for Guess Those Bands.

I'm going to plump for Simply Red, Daphne and Celeste, and Des O'Connor as the other acts rounding off the bill. A safe bet for three points, I'm sure you'll agree.

Let's move forward.

Zoo's line-up already boasts cover-version star Mark Ronson, Brighton-based British Sea Power and Mercury Music Award-winning Dizzee Rascal among the dozens of artists already confirmed for the Port Lympne week-



**TWO:** Which bands do you think will line-up alongside British Sea Power and Mark Ronson at Zoo8?ender. But the official website states there are "More world class acts and headliners to be announced very soon", giving us a chance to play.

How about Right Said Fred, Status Quo and Shabba Ranks? They'd fit right in alongside Funeral For A Friend, The Cribs and Athlete, I think.

While we're at it, what about the Lounge on the Farm event?

Bearing in mind Art Brut, Black Kids and The Bees have already agreed to play the Canterbury festival, it stands to reason that Rolf Harris, Cilla Black and Babylon Zoo will follow suit.

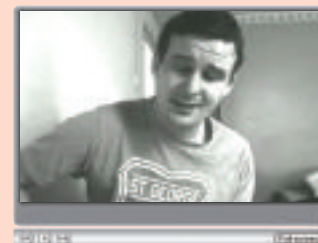


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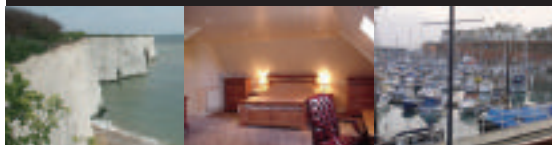


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Shan will be visiting Waterstone's to sign copies of his new book Death's Shadow, the seventh instalment in his Demonata series. His last signing was extremely popular, so fans should arrive early to avoid disappointment.

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## YOUR TV REVIEW

BY TOM BETTS



LOST THE PLOT? Tennant and Tate in Dr Who

**DOCTOR WHO**  
BBC1, 6.20pm, Saturday

"AND before you ask, I had nothing to do with that fire."

No, this wasn't a smatter of chatter from the Isle of Thanet – where the wooden rollercoaster has been wrecked – but David Tennant early on in a recent Doctor Who adventure.

The good Doctor was in Pompei for the build-up to the big eruption, which naturally all linked in with alien weirdness in some way, somehow.

Not wishing to sound dumb, and undoubtedly failing miserably, I'm finding the sci-fi hit's plotlines almost impossible to follow at the moment.

For a show that relies on younger viewers to make up a large share of its audience, the current crop of Who writers may well be setting the bar a little bit too high.

Either that or I'm just thick.

However, this is not the only problem spoiling the Tardis these days.

As latest assistant Donna, Catherine Tate has turned up to wreak havoc in the annals of time, but it's hard to see what she is actually bringing to the party, for this is a sci-fi and a catchphrase-free zone.

Tate aside – and please let's leave her there – it's hard to pinpoint just

where Doctor Who is falling short at the moment.

It looks good, and it is a show I desperately want to like, but it just doesn't seem to click.

One factor may be just that it's a little bit too slick for its own good.

Tennant is the most polished Doctor yet and the days of the wobbly sets and bubblewrap monsters have long been consigned to the skip to be replaced with CGI.

It will be an interesting series and there's still a long way to go.

A certain Billie Piper returns as Rose before too long and the imminent comeback of insane superbaddie, Davros, creator of the Daleks, is also rumoured to be nigh.

It's still pulling in the audiences, but the jury is still very much out.



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One to have a look at while awaiting dinnertime inspiration, perhaps.

## YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



**AQUARIUS** (Jan 21-Feb 19)

YOU could hear news of a career matter. Getting a new job gives you enough money to buy a beautiful home. If you don't have the cash to make the purchase, you will be granted a generous loan. Stepping up your exercise routine will give you more energy. Starting a new line of work is always tiring. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



**TAURUS** (Apr 21-May 21)

A PARTNERSHIP matter comes to a successful close. You and your associate could switch duties and this will give you a deeper appreciation of each other's talents. Learning a foreign language or going abroad could change the way you see the world. Living could put you on the path to love. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Taurus** 09067-531753



**LEO** (Jul 24-Aug 23)

AN agreement could come to a close. Alternatively, it may be time to sign mortgage papers. This is a wonderful turn of events, as it will put you in a more secure situation. You may have an opportunity to get a better job. Doing work you enjoy will lift your mood dramatically. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Leo** 09067-531756



**SCORPIO** (Oct 24-Nov 22)

PEOPLE admire the way you speak up for the underdog. Too often, bullies get their way by steamrolling the opposition. You will prove a formidable opponent to these manipulators. Teaming up with a rebel will make your pulse pound. Talk about chemistry! To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Scorpio** 09067-531759



**PISCES** (Feb 20-Mar 20)

A LEGAL matter could reach a satisfying conclusion. Go out and Celebrate with your nearest and dearest. An unorthodox statement may win the affection of an onlooker who admires the way you march to the beat of your own drum. In turn, you will appreciate their forthright attitude. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Pisces** 09067-531763



**GEMINI** (May 22-Jun 22)

YOU could see exciting results from taking just a little more exercise. People who never looked twice at you are starting to stare with admiring eyes. If you're already in a relationship, your partner may become extra amorous. Prepare to spend lots of time in bed this week. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Gemini** 09067-531754



**VIRGO** (Aug 24-Sep 23)

PEOPLE have been waiting to know what your next move will be. Send a mass email proclaiming the news. You may decide to embark upon a course of study, or leave a mundane job. It means you may have to take a risk, but even a security orientated person like you needs to take the odd gamble. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Virgo** 09067-531757



**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov 23-Dec 21)

YOU have a great opportunity to spend quality time by yourself. Developing a business plan is a good idea. Promising job offers could be headed your way. An austere authority figure admires your work ethic. It may be impossible to contain your feelings for the object of your affection. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Sagittarius** 09067-531760



**ARIES** (Mar 21-Apr 20)

YOU may be tempted to spend a windfall on luxuries, but you'd be better off paying off any debts you have. You're making exciting progress in your career and a promotion comes with a pay raise, too. A surprise visitor could arrive at your door. It's wonderful to see this person after so many years. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aries** 09067-531752



**CANCER** (Jun 23-Jul 23)

THE opportunity to travel could fall into your lap. Seize it, or somebody else will take your place. You've been restless lately, and you'll enjoy the change. A casual romance could reach its turning point. It's time to decide whether or not you want to take this relationship to the next level. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755



**LIBRA** (Sep 24-Oct 23)

STANDING by your principles will yield rewards. People admire your ability to go against conventional wisdom for the sake of the group. You may be given an opportunity to work from home or start your own business. Someone is drawn to your earthy sensuality may have a secret crush on you. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Libra** 09067-531758



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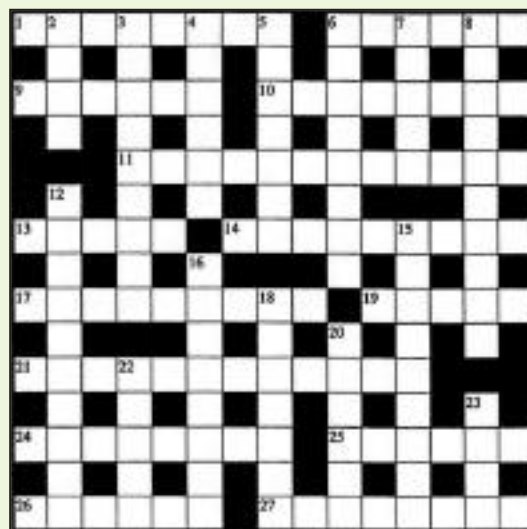
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- 11 Fourth window? (12)
- 13 On Friday Edward did some cooking (5)
- 14 Does this part of the theatre offer scope for the inexperienced? (9)
- 17 Scarf then clock was removed (9)
- 19 One before ten in turbulent new environment was pale (5)
- 21 How gin was made to disappear? (8,4)
- 24 Rest clap wildly when it is eerie (8)
- 25 Cupholder Elizabeth back in the country (6)
- 26 Troubled a corny writer (6)
- 27 Cut back engineers ditch (8)

#### DOWN

- 2 Not quite round the ground (4)
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- 4 Doubly dark plaid (6)
- 5 One who leaves smoothly on river (7)
- 6 It was said to be dirty again (8)
- 7 Dog coming from Bacchic orgies (5)
- 8 From photo, erase weapon (10)
- 12 Request made by broadsheet in parliamentary agenda (5-5)
- 15 Off-the-peg is very convenient (5-4)
- 16 It smoothes explosive inflator (8)
- 18 One working overhead about two days for fish (7)
- 20 Cheap American duo took part (3-3)
- 22 Hard to describe these mountains (5)
- 23 Last character included metal (4)

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### QUICK CLUES

#### ACROSS

- 1 Large airliner (5,3)
- 6 Art movement (6)
- 9 Wildcat (6)
- 10 Laid waste (8)
- 11 Chivalrously (12)
- 13 Thin crisp biscuit (5)
- 14 Romantic play (9)
- 17 Stubbish (9)
- 19 Loud slap (5)
- 21 Mad (5,3,4)
- 24 Woodwind instrument (8)
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- 26 Header (anag.) (6)
- 27 Game of chance (8)

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- 6 Unyielding (4-4)
- 7 A slab (anag.) (5)
- 8 Colony (10)
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- 15 Renounce (9)
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23 Eternal 24 Abiding 25 Either 26  
Pestiferous. DOWN: 2 Involve 3 Hot spot  
4 War 5 Ingratitude 6 Helical 7 Old hat  
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12 Round the bend 24 Claret 25 Alaska  
14 Midolairana 17 Obscenely 19 Spank  
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ACROSS: 1 Jumbo jet 6 Cubism 9 Jaquar

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### IN BRUGES (18)



BELGIAN city Bruges is a welcoming destination for travellers from all over the world. But for hit men Ray and Ken, it could be their final destination; a difficult job has resulted in the pair being ordered by their London boss Harry to go and cool their heels in the storybook city for a couple of weeks. And when the call from Harry does finally come, Ken and Ray's vacation becomes a life-and-death struggle.

# Renee and George are simply good friends

BY SARAH O'MEARA

EVEN wearing four-inch, black patent Christian Louboutin heels (the ones with the red soles) Renee Zellweger is still half a head shorter than her Leatherheads co-star and director George Clooney.

But as the two discuss his homage to the forties screwball comedy - think witty banter, Bringing Up Baby, raised eyebrows and cloche hats - what the Texan tinkerbelle lacks in size, she makes up for in 'verbosity', as she calls it.

According to Clooney, Zellweger's natural wit and sarcasm, often disguised by her breathy, southern tones, made her the obvious choice for his latest directorial effort.

"We slur. We say 'you know'. But Renee has this incredible ability to walk straight into a period piece," he says admiringly.

In his first directing venture since Good Night and Good Luck, Renee plays Chicago Tribune reporter, Lexie Littleton, on the trail of top football star Carter Rutherford (John Krasinski, from the American version of The Office). Dressed to kill, she is more than a match for any man, and crosses verbal swords with wise cracking football manager, 'Dodge' Connolly (Clooney) at every opportunity.

Set in the late twenties, Leatherheads charts the rise of professional American football. Seen as a game for losers with nowhere else to go after high school, Dodge sets out to change things.

He persuades American college football star and war hero Rutherford to join his team, the Duluth Bulldogs. Soon the players are wearing fur, the stands are packed and sponsorship deals flooding in; but Lexie has her doubts about Dodge's star player.

George and Renee are natural sparring partners, both on and off screen. Speaking about the film, Clooney waxes lyrical about his

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love of forties comedies, while Renee admits to knowing exactly nothing about the genre.

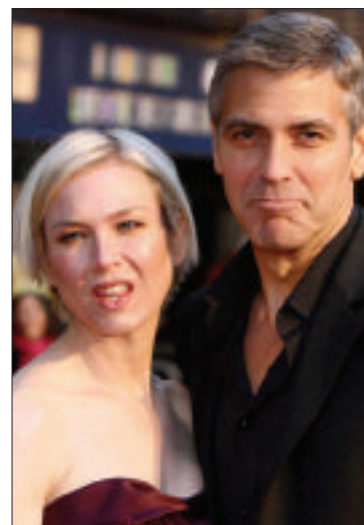
She says: "I just liked the script. Coming from George, believe it or not, it really was good. I'm completely ignorant of cinema history and this fella here had to educate me a little bit. We had screenings in place of rehearsals just to make sure everyone was familiar with the style. It was a challenge. And I didn't want to get hit so I did my homework."

George clarifies cheerfully: "I never did it with a closed fist - always the open hand."

It's hard to stay serious with these two in the room. Renee is as coy, mischievous and irreverent as George is passionate, good-humoured and frank. As the conversation wheels from curling to politics, every opportunity to mock one another is taken.

But despite the speculation, both actors have always claimed to be just good friends.

George says: "I was joking in an interview



**BATTLE:** Renee Zellweger and George Clooney make excellent sparring partners both on and off screen

and I said something like, 'Well I like her a little bit'. And the next day it was all over the papers. She came in and was like, 'Just a little bit?!' Jokes don't often work in print."

But their lack of sexual chemistry off screen doesn't stop sparks flying on set. A series of gorgeous suits and dresses, artfully created by George's favoured production designer Louise Frogley, make Zellweger fairly irresistible and even manage to give the svelte beauty a few curves.



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## Intensely incredible India

BY DAVID FIRTH

THE two customs men looked fierce, and I feared a telling off for losing my landing card between immigration control and the baggage carousel.

But the ice was broken with a bribe of two Cox's apples, and the Delhi airport officials overlooked my absent-mindedness and cheerfully waved me through. It was my first taste of India's extremes – outwardly officious, but in truth, intensely down to earth.

Though I was here as a tourist, my adventure was not to be made backpacker-style. I was to mix luxury with the sights and sounds of one of the world's most romantic buildings, the Taj Mahal.

My visit was in June, and yes, it was hot. Few tourists visit in midsummer, with cooling monsoon rains still a month away. But if you can stand the thermometer hitting the 40 degree mark, it's a quieter and cheaper time to see north India's majestic emblem.

I travelled to Agra, home of the Taj, by road. A distance of 130 miles, Delhi and Agra are directly linked by one of India's finest dual carriageways. But while the highway is indeed wide, my minibus was fighting for space with oxen, bicycle rickshaws, tractors, buses and overloaded trucks.

Only brave or foolhardy visitors would hire a car for the trip. But just under five hours later we were there – pulling into the Oberoi



BREATH TAKING: The Taj Mahal shines with radiance

Amarvilas, where every room boasts a clear view of the Taj Mahal, barely 600 metres away.

The Taj is traditionally visited soon after dawn, or before sunset. I decided to go after sunrise – after first taking in the view from my balcony. The ivory domes rose above the surrounding trees, flown over by green parakeets and jet black crows.

It is almost eerie to see something so familiar. And luckily for me, it had rained a week earlier, so the marble walls were washed of dust and radiated in the sun.

At the gates of the Taj, and indeed outside all tourist traps, hawkers are ready to pounce – and you've got to be ready for them. The persistence of postcard and guide-book sellers can be frustrating. Once through the gates, however, the world is more at peace.

The Taj Mahal was built by the Mughal emperor Shah Jahan in the mid 17th century, a monument of love to his favourite wife, queen Mumtaz Mahal. The white marble was carried by elephants from 200 miles away. It took 22 years and 20,000 men to build.

Passing through the red sandstone gateway, the Taj lies dead ahead, beyond the famous watercourse. It was quiet, even after 8am.

Once at the building itself, shoes are removed and you walk to the entrance up smooth, marble steps. Up close, you are confronted with fantastically-intricate stone carvings. Marble screens are inlaid with semi-precious stones such as black onyx, opaque yellow jasper and sea green turquoise.

From 600 metres, or at arm's length, the Taj is breathtaking.

What is amazing to a Western visitor is that so little is off-limits. Because the marble of the Taj is so hard, it has only been polished, not worn, by the millions of hands and feet which have brushed against it.

Such is the Taj's pulling power, there were far more Indians than Western tourists who had come to pay homage. A handful of Muslims prayed in the mosque which lies to the side.

The Indian tourist board's catchphrase is 'Incredible India'. They aren't kidding.

### FACT FILE: INDIA

Time difference	UK +4 1/2 hours
Capital	Delhi
Population	Approx 1.12 billion
Currency	Rupee (79 to £1 approx)
Religion	Hindu
Climate	Tropical
Language	Hindi/English

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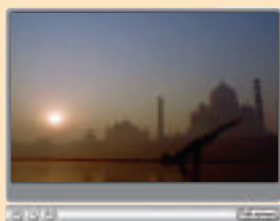
David Firth travelled with Air France which flies to Delhi via Paris from nine UK airports including Heathrow (from £428.40).

Air France reservations: 0870 142 4343 and [www.airfrance.com](http://www.airfrance.com).

Operators with packages to the Taj Mahal include Somak, which offers return flights, transfers and three nights' B&B at the Oberoi Amarvilas from £1,629, including transfers. Eight-night room-only packages, including JET return flights into Delhi and road transfers to Agra, start at £1,199.

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**PRETTY WOMAN WANTS**  
**Hi RICHARD GIERE**  
Hi I'm 37, 5ft8, mousey long hair, grey eyes, N/S, large bubbly lady, love pubs, country walks, bird-watching, seeking kind, tactile, N/S gent, possibly romantic! Box 435674

**SEIZE THE DAY**  
Loving female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428696

**READ ME!**  
Lovely single Mum, 38, 5ft4, blonde, slim, loves socialising, good fun and chatty. WLTW similar male for fun and laughter, maybe leading to LTR. Box 372889

**DON'T PASS ME BY**  
Cute, single mum of 4, 39yrs old, Kent based, into most things, looking for friendship or possibly romance. Box 879383

**YOUNG-AT-HEART**  
Attractive 38yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curly physique, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, seeks loving, fun male, for friendship/relationship. Box 901893

**ON MANDY**  
Mandy, 38, lovely brunette, petite & slim, very tactile & bubbly, professional mum, WLTW honest, romantic N/S male. Box 432693

**THE WIT TO WHO!**  
Katie female, 39, 5'7", dark eyes, GSOH, no less, likes cosy nights in socialising, country walks, cinema, seeks loyal, caring male, for friendship. Box 432693

## WOMEN'S SPOTLIGHT

**NOT AFRAID OF HARD WORK?**  
Lively female, 26, 5ft2, brown hair, green eyes, size 10, single mum, enjoys most things, seeks genuine, laid-back guy for fun, friendship and more. Box 428655

**EXPRESSLY YOURS**  
Calling all knights in shining armour! damsel in distress, 30, needs rescuing. I can't guarantee love, but can guarantee laughs. Box 894052

**LADY MADONNA**  
Single Mum of 2, 35, great SOH, works full time, seeking male with GSOH, fun-loving and romantic, for possible relationship. Box 438417

**UNDER THE BOARDWALK**  
Black female, 32, 5ft8, likes cooking, reading, going out, WLTW a nice man 34-50, down-to-earth and fun to be with, to find out more. Box 438585

**31yo Chinese girl, 5ft4, slim, no children, seeking tall, white, loving, caring, all-Eastern male for serious relationship. Box 438931**

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Tall, black, pretty female, 31, new to the Chatham area, loves watching football, shopping, travel; seeking tall, white, loving male 34-47 for LTR. Box 437778

**CUDDLY**  
32yr old woman, 5ft9, brown hair, curly figure, I enjoy having fun and a laugh, and WLTW nice, kind gent. Box 438402

**TAKE ME OUT**  
Single Mum, 32, cuddly larger lady, 5ft8, dark brown hair, seeking someone to have fun, a dance, some drinks, meals and more with. Box 438941

**EQUINESTRAN OF SPORT!**  
Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 819193

**TRY NEW THINGS**  
Mum of 1, I'm 5ft4, blonde, slim, young-looking lady, 34, I'm caring, honest, with a GSOH. I like to go to the cinema, dancing, days out. Box 431555

**R U THE 1?**  
Outgoing, funny, young-looking female, 34, 5ft9, brown hair/eyes, Tonbridge. Seeks caring, loyal male for friendship, leading to more. Box 433107

**ROMANCE IS ALIVE**  
Divorced, lively mum, 35, GSOH, I enjoy time with my family and friends, cinema, good food, beach walks, seeks male for honesty, love and romance. Box 819193

**MUM'S THE WORD**  
Attractive black female, 36, 5ft7, slim, medium build, short dark brown hair, brown eyes, single Mum, seeking male 36-40, honest, kind, caring, for potential romance. Box 433929

**THE GENTLE LADY**  
Easygoing female with GSOH, 36, enjoys many things - going out, staying in, seeking a nice, genuine guy for lots of love and laughter. Box 437913

**RECIPE FOR ROMANCE**  
Tall, black, pretty female, 31, new to the Chatham area, loves watching football, shopping, travel; seeking tall, white, loving male 34-47 for LTR. Box 437778

**NO REGRETS**  
Bubbly, separated female, 40, slim, love meeting new people and enjoying life, looking for an understanding guy for friendship, love and a laugh. Box 895246

**NEVER SAY NEVER**  
Decent 36yr old female, medium build, fair hair, 5'6", likes cinema, eating, having fun, seeks like-minded male, 36-40, for friendship first. Box 739664

**ACTIVE ANGEL**  
Hi, I'm a fun-loving woman early 40, 5'1", curly, enjoying eating out and cooking to wellness, looking for man for happiness. Box 894398

**ROUND TWO**  
41yr old female, separated with 3 children, medium build, dark hair, seeking a male to share life with again who enjoys socialising, cinema, music and holidays! Box 437639

**YOU'LL SMILE IF YOU DIAL**  
Bubbly 40yr old female, enjoys beaches, pubs, clubs, WLTW a like-minded, caring male to share fun times with. Box 435102

**STRIKE OR SPARE!**  
42-year-old female, 5ft7, slim, down-to-earth, normal love bowling, cinema, clubs, seeking a male, 40-55, for friendship and more! Box 436163

**FOREVER YOUNG**  
Caroline, 42, single mum, likes having fun, eating out, wine bars, swimming, looking for someone something meaningful. Box 430952

**ON THE WINGS OF LOVE**  
Tall, outgoing lady, 43, large build, newly settled in Kent, needs a mate to spread her wings and meet a nice chap! Let's chat! Box 895906

**ATTRACTIVE BRUNETTE**  
Fun-loving, affectionate brunette, 43, size 12, N/S, separated amicably with 2 lovely kids, enjoys keeping fit. Seeks good-looking, slim, fit, romantic male. Box 814378

**COMPLETE**  
Bubbly female, 41, 5'2", N/S, enjoys pubs, restaurants, cinema, GSOH, interior design, seeks like minded, fun male for good times. Box 822703

**TAKE A CHANCE**  
Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414156

**READ ALL ABOUT IT**  
Petite, sincere woman, 44, wavy blonde hair, blue eyes, size 10, loves beach walks, animals, DIY, swimming, travelling. WLTW N/S man to share things with. Box 429682

**LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING NEW PEOPLE**  
45 year old female, has 2 dogs, works full time, likes horse riding, gardening, walks, socialising, enjoys eating out, cinema, good conversation Box 435464

**MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE?**  
One woman, 45, no lies, one tie, honest, warm and kind. Are you tall, honest, single, motivated, and genuine? If so get in touch. Box 915163

**IT'S WHAT YOU MAKE OF IT!**  
44yr old female, blonde hair, 5ft5, slim, easygoing, enjoy many things in life, looking for someone similar out there to enjoy life with! Box 436810

**NO GAME PLAYERS!**  
Hi, I'm 46, Music, laughter, sensitivity, and love, I guess that's what I want, but with someone special, are you him? Box 156956

**ON A PLATE**  
Caring, honest 46yr old female, 5'2", eyes of blue, reddish, likes cinema, theatre, walking, WLTW male for fun and friendship. Box 895228

**DON'T PASS ME BY**  
Friendly, bubbly, fun-loving woman, 45, 5'4", GSOH, enjoys socialising, pubs, music, eating in/out, own home/cara, smoker, looking for honest 44-55, who enjoys life. Box 894299

**SOFA SO GOOD!**  
Sally, 46yr old woman, small and slim, brown hair with hazel eyes, likes, music, films, animals, days out and snuggling on the sofa. Box 893566

**SHINE A LIGHT ON ME**  
I'm Dawn, 47, quite shy and reserved, looking for someone special! I'm 5ft6, blonde hair, blue eyes, slim, active, have one dog, work full time. Box 438796

**READY TO START AGAIN**  
Hi, I'm Sue, 48, 5'2", dark hair/eyes, divorced, hard-working, WLTW compatible male, stochy build, for good times, possibly LTR. Box 432992

**LOVE CANNOT BE BOUGHT**  
Happy, fit, youthful 48yr old single mum, P4C, very good sense of humour. Likes all the normal social activities. Very honest. Seeking sincere, stable, solvent man. Box 895929

**HUNK SOUTH**  
Marlene, 46, blonde hair, medium build, likes 4x4, gym, quad-biking, a glass of wine, cinema, rugby/soccer/cricket, WLTW sincere youngish guy for friendship and companionship. Box 894117

**ALL THAT I NEED**  
Young-looking, slim, attractive female, 48, fun-loving & outgoing, N/S, GSOH, love music, holidays, going out & staying in, seeks similar man, 40-50, Aylesford. Box 428833

**JUST IMAGINE**  
Petite brunette, bubbly and friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things. WLTW genuine male to see where life takes us! Box 893562

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**SIMILAR TASTES**  
New to it, I'm a 50yr old woman, and I enjoy walks, theatre, meals out, and WLTW genuine man for company. Box 437774

**SHE'S THE ONE!**  
Young-at-heart female, 48, medium build, 5ft2, dark hair, blue eyes, GSOH, very active, likes clubs and dining out, seeks someone with similar interests. Box 435088

**STOP THE SHAKES!**  
Hello, 49yr old female, 5ft5, blonde, nervous/ outgoing, love music, socialising, simple things in life, seeking a male to look after and settle down with. Box 436633

**DIG DEEPER**  
Genuine, friendly female, 49, likes walks, gardening, nights in/out, seeking genuine, friendly male, 45-55. Dover Box 435441

**ENTERTAIN ME**  
26yo female, medium build, blonde, quite short, seeking tall, confident, sensual guy for regular winning, dining, loving and laughter, honest, genuine and loving. Box 438854

**IT'S IN THE AIR**  
Lovely female, 49, divorced, 5ft, shoulder-length blonde hair, green eyes, size 16, likes dining out, staying in, walks in the country, seeking LTR with similar male. Box 437729

**POPCORN FOR 2?**  
Hi, I'm Anne, 50, 5'2", medium build, brown hair/eyes, enjoy bowling, cinema, meals out, walks, like holidays, WLTW a like-minded man, share interests with. Box 438874

**THE LIGHT OF LOVE**  
50 year old woman, hard working, caring, divorced, looking to have that sparkle back in my life, can you provide it? Box 893611

**ROCK AROUND THE CLOCK**  
Loving, lively, cuddly female, 50, 5ft4, loves rock music, walking, films, WLTW easygoing male for uncomplicated relationship, good times. Box 894299

**BRIGHTON UP MY WORLD**  
Loving and loyal 49yr old female, GSOH, enjoys walking, countryside, cinema, theatre, pubs, restaurants, theatre, walking, WLTW male for fun and friendship. Box 909974

**ARE YOU LONESOME TONIGHT?**  
Loyal, bubbly and affectionate, attractive lady, 51, dark hair, enjoy clubs, nights in, love animals, seeking a like-minded gent for happiness. Box 433885

**WHITSTABLE WONDERLAND**  
Hi, I'm Yvette, 50, separated, blonde hair/blue eyes, size 12, 5'2", likes on-pale, meals and drinks out, reading, walks, looking for male, 40-60, for relationship. Box 420180

**PUTTER IN YOUR HANDS!**  
Lovely female, 50, Hasting-based, 5'8", blonde/blue, enjoys golf, walking, socialising, eating in/out, WLTW fun-loving, kind, sporty male, 48-60. Box 415387

**INDEPENDENT WOMAN**  
Bright, bubbly lady, 52, 5'4", blonde hair, recently divorced, own home and car, enjoys many things, walking, looking for companionship and friendship. Box 419966

**KENT CALLING!**  
Hi, I'm kind, caring, attractive lady, 35yrs young, 5'7", brown hair/eyes, GSOH, enjoy walks, reading, travelling etc, WLTW tall, considerate man for friendship, possibly LTR. Box 439240

**THE BEAUTIFUL PATH**  
I'm Helen, 56, 5ft2, slim, young at heart, enjoy many interests - walking, cinema, eating out, drives in the country. WLTW similar male, GSOH essential! Box 434296

**KEEP DANCING**  
Brunette lady, 61, looking for a LTR, friendship first, any age considered. Interests: dancing walking, socialising, cuddling! Margaret. Box 432246

**LOVE ME, LOVE MY DOG**  
Useful, intelligent, caring female, 62, young looking/aging, like walks, music, cooking, seeking sensitive, caring, un-complicated male, N/S, perhaps a dog owner, for friendship first Box 434945

**WOMEN seeking women**  
LOVE TO LAUGH  
Loving, young 25yr old female with a kind heart and passion for life, short hair, blue eyes, like music, socialising, seeks a like-minded female. Box 431117

**NEW CHAPTER...**  
Capricorn female, 48, 5ft7, brown hair, blue eyes, GSOH, caring, animal lover, into DIY, sport, reading, WLTW someone in the Maidstone area. Box 434547

**EVERYDAY PEOPLE**  
Happy divorced female, 56, 5ft4, slim, blonde hair, blue eyes, attractive, intelligent, likes a laugh, the cinema, cooking, walks; WLTW compatible male for everyday romance... Box 439321

**LIKES THE LIFE THINGS IN LIFE**  
Divorced, single female, 56, 5ft4, own home, great job and friends, likes to keep fit, hobbies include shopping, cooking, dining out, theatre/cinema, holidays, seeking friendship and more. Box 434901

**FRIENDS FIRST**  
Sincere female, 57, caring, separated, I enjoy nights in/out, reading, walking, various activities, just separated for a friend and the see from there! Box 437420

**COUNTRY LOVE**  
Partially disabled 58yr old country woman, 5'5", fairly attractive, enjoys gardening, home life, WLTW country guy for company and possibly LTR. Box 439065

**SAVING ALL MY LOVE**  
Young, 58yr old modern female widow, slim, enjoys nights in/out, socialising, seeking honest, reliable man for friendship, love, affection and TLC. Box 920739

**PUT SPARK IN LIFE**  
Happy, confident, solvent lady, 59, N/S, living in the country near Hythe, seeks gentleman of similar disposition for friendship and more. Box 439222

**I'M JUST LIKE BAGPUSS!**  
I'm 59, smoker/driver and ride a motorbike but I'm intelligent, sensitive, caring and loving, with GSOH and many friends, but still looking for someone special. Box 893911

**MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIP?**  
Honest 36, 6ft, fair hair/blue eyes, slim, I like cinema, theatre, meals out, cosy nights in with a take away, keeping fit. Box 428767

**WHO KNOWS?**  
Hobbies: keep-fit, fishing, reading, spending time with my daughter. I'm male, 36, 6ft5, medium/muscular build, dark eyes. Looking for larger lady. Box 439440

**THE WEIGHT OF ROMANCE**  
Honest 36yr old, 6ft5, muscular build, dark hair, good-looking, N/S, 1 daughter, enjoys a drink, weight-training, walking, reading, fishing, seeking a curvy female for friendship and more. Box 437414

**PERNAPS WE SHOULD**  
Single male, 37, 6ft, medium build, interests: cycling, beach walks, music, socialising, WLTW nice, similar lady for potential romance. Box 438599

**REAL MAN**  
Honest, kind, caring male, 37, blond, 6ft, enjoys walks, cinema, nights in/out, family life, WLTW like-minded, genuine female. Sarah, call again with contact details! Box 439440

**FOR YOUR LOVE**  
Caring, reliable, attractive male, 36, dark hair/blue eyes, N/S, no ties, GSOH, sociable, seeks kind, down-to-earth, attractive female, for company and hopefully romance. Margaret. Box 410659

**R U 4 ME?**  
Down-to-earth, loyal guy, 36, looking for companionship, leading to a long-term relationship. Enjoys meals out, good company, conversation, cosy evenings in! Box 914917

**HAPPY HAPPY**  
Outgoing, easygoing male, 39, slim, short brown hair, like eating out, especially Italian food, enjoy tennis bowling, looking for like-minded, compatible female. GSOH. Box 436880

**CUSHIONS AND LABELS**  
Single male, 42, slim, 6ft, short hair, loves smart clothes, watching bands, pubs, DVDs, seeking slim/medium build, brown hair, own business, home, enjoy walks, pubs, wine, restaurants, cinema! Box 892086

**TRUE GENTLEMAN**  
Attractive mixed race male, 41, 5'10", GSOH, charming, good company. Looking for a friendly female, 40-44, who lives in Swale or Medway boroughs. Box 893540

**MINDS HIS OWN BUSINESS**  
A nice guy, nice to be with, laid-back, I'm 41, 5ft2, medium/stoiky build, brown hair, own business, home, enjoy walks, pubs, wine, restaurants, cinema! Box 892086

**GETTING TO KNOW YOU**  
Self employed chap, I love cooking, fishing, travelling, holidays. I'm 43, and looking for a single, lovely lady to get to know. Box 439172

**FUN FUN FUN**  
41yr old male, loves animals and having lots of laughs, seeks a female of similar character for fun-loving relationship. Box 438023

**BLUE EYED BOY**  
Loving male, 41, dark hair, blue eyes, 5'6", likes cinema, beach walks, bowling, music, holidays, theatre, seeks female, 35-52, for a happy relationship. Box 437774

**GOOD SPORT**  
Easygoing 43yr old single dad, stochy build, very confident, GSOH, enjoy pubs, meals out, looking for a female to share laughs and outings. Box 435262

**STRIKE!!**  
Richard, 43, single, dark hair, blue eyes, 5ft6, loves theatre/music, holidays, travel, bowling, WLTW female 34-56 to share good times and hope for some good times. Box 438917

**THE GREAT EXPERIMENT!**  
Athletic build male, 43, 5ft8, blue eyes, likes night in and out, sea-fishing, seeking a nice lady to get to know and see what happens. Box 439350

**ARMY ARMS**  
Confident male, 42, 5'10", nice build, single dad, own home, 50s, 40s, looking out, sport, WLTW someone similar to me. Maidstone. Box 411411

**WE CAN BE HEROES...**  
Honest, single male, 43, slim, good-looking, enjoys music, cinema, nights in with a glass of wine, seeks attractive, kind, caring female, 30-45, for fun, friendship, relationship. Box 893797

**BIG DEAL IN DEAL**  
Warm, tactile male, 42, 6ft, likes socialising, pubs, clubs, cosy nights in, seeks like minded female, who has a friendship, leading to more. Box 388967

**AVERAGE JOE**  
Average looking guy, 32, slim, tall, grey eyes, short hair, into regular life, but still looking for someone special. Box 893911

**MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIP?**  
Honest 36, 6ft, fair hair/blue eyes, slim, I like cinema, theatre, meals out, cosy nights in with a take away, keeping fit. Box 428767

**WHO KNOWS?**  
Hobbies: keep-fit, fishing, reading, spending time with my daughter. I'm male, 36, 6ft5, medium/muscular build, dark eyes. Looking for larger lady. Box 439440

**THE WEIGHT OF ROMANCE**  
Honest 36yr old, 6ft5, muscular build, dark hair, good-looking, N/S, 1 daughter, enjoys a drink, weight-training, walking, reading, fishing, seeking a curvy female for friendship and more. Box 437414

**PERNAPS WE SHOULD**  
Single male, 37, 6ft, medium build, interests: cycling, beach walks, music, socialising, WLTW nice, similar lady for potential romance. Box 438599

**REAL MAN**  
Honest, kind, caring male, 37, blond, 6ft, enjoys walks, cinema, nights in/out, family life, WLTW like-minded, genuine female. Sarah, call again with contact details! Box 439440

**FOR YOUR LOVE**  
Caring, reliable, attractive male, 36, dark hair/blue eyes, N/S, no ties, GSOH, sociable, seeks kind, down-to-earth, attractive female, for company and hopefully romance. Margaret. Box 410659

**R U 4 ME?**  
Down-to-earth, loyal guy, 36, looking for companionship, leading to a long-term relationship. Enjoys meals out, good company, conversation, cosy evenings in! Box 914917

**HAPPY HAPPY**  
Outgoing, easygoing male, 39, slim, short brown hair, like eating out, especially Italian food, enjoy tennis bowling, looking for like-minded, compatible female. GSOH. Box 436880

**CUSHIONS AND LABELS**  
Single male, 42, slim, 6ft, short hair, loves smart clothes, watching bands, pubs, DVDs, seeking slim/medium build, brown hair, own business, home, enjoy walks, pubs, wine, restaurants, cinema! Box 892086

**TRUE GENTLEMAN**  
Attractive mixed race male, 41, 5'10", GSOH, charming, good company. Looking for a friendly female, 40-44, who lives in Swale or Medway boroughs. Box 893540

**MINDS HIS OWN BUSINESS**  
A nice guy, nice to be with, laid-back, I'm 41, 5ft2, medium/stoiky build, brown hair, own business, home, enjoy walks, pubs, wine, restaurants, cinema! Box 892086

**GETTING TO KNOW YOU**  
Self employed chap, I love cooking, fishing, travelling, holidays. I'm 43, and looking for a single, lovely lady to get to know. Box 439172

**LOVE & AFFECTION**  
Michael, 49, hard-working, shy, likes music, classic cars, good meals, socialising; WLTW female with similar interests to care for and find true happiness with. Box 435215

**REAL ONE**  
50yr old affectionate and considerate man, fully confident, GSOH, enjoy pubs, meals out, looking for a female to share laughs and outings. Box 435262

**MADE FOR YOU**  
I love the cinema, walks, going out, I'm 40, green eyes, seeking female with GSOH for like-minded conversation and more. Box 437486





## PROPERTY NEWS

### House price drop may help us out in the long run

A LEADING economist claims that a small drop in property prices will not be a disaster and may even act as a stabilising influence on the market.

Liam Halligan, of Property Capital Management, said recent reports of a dip in the market should not start alarm bells ringing across the spectrum from homeowners to estate agents.

Instead he claimed any such drop would go some way towards rectifying what is an over-inflated market.

Mr Halligan said: "Should prices flat line, or even fall slightly for a year or two, that would be a good thing – purging the system of excess."

Other analysts have pointed to the fact that a fall – as opposed to the intense growth the market has seen in recent years – could bring balance to the economy with regard to property.

They also say investors could find themselves benefiting from long term stability in a market which historically has periodically corrected itself to maintain equilibrium.

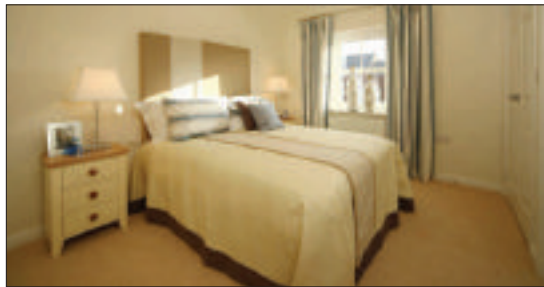
### Save more money when you invest in going green

FAMILIES who buy new homes built by private developers over the next two years could be paying £11,000 to install eco-friendly gadgets in their properties – or face higher fuel bills than those that are built to tough new environmental standards.

New regulations introduced this month require all new homes built by housing associations to become more energy efficient – and slash carbon emissions by 25 per cent. But the Government has given private developers until 2010 to meet the standard.

This means that people who buy in the private sector need to either splash out cash for improvements or face the prospect of long term outlay on bills.

Experts calculate a family that buys a home built by the private sector until April 2010 will have to spend £1,477 more on their gas and electricity over the first 20 years than those living in social housing.



**TRANSFORMATION:** The seaside theme used in this house transforms the look of the rooms, adding colour and shape without being too overbearing

## You just need a theme

■ BY NICK AMES

INTERIOR design can transform a home into a vibrant living space reflecting the character and personalities of the people who live there.

TV shows and style magazines emphasise the expertise necessary to create a stunning living space – but one developer is keen to share knowledge with homeowners looking to redesign their environment without spending a fortune.

Bryant Homes' brand new Conway show-home at its Herne Bay development has recently opened and members of the design team Interior Directions spoke about how they approached designing the wall-to-wall effect.

Jerome O'Shea, managing director of the company, said: "When you're planning to decorate the first step is to think of a theme. Here at Herne Bay we plumped for the most obvious one – seaside living."

"Once you have your theme, think around it. Perhaps gather some inspirational images or colours and put together a mood board so you know which direction you're headed in."

"We wanted a vibrant, fresh, contemporary look suitable for young couples or families who might buy a three bedroom home."

"We picked blue and white as the main colours and traditional images of the seaside provided the accent colours – Punch and Judy,

deckchairs, beach huts. We wanted a really bright, fresh, fun look."

But Mr O'Shea emphasised restraint is as important as creativity when it comes to creating a stylish living space – too many colour clashes and accessories can spoil the effect.

He said: "It would be too much to have these colours all round the house. You have to think about light and shade, and creating restful spaces is just as important. To do this we brought in the natural tones you'd find in a seascape – think sand, sea, sky and driftwood."

"The trick with accessories is don't go overboard."

"Pick a few key items which fit with your theme or tone with your colour scheme. Most importantly you must like looking at them, because you've got to live with them."

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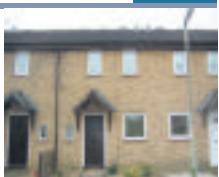


















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## MOTORS NEWS



### New Jeep Cherokee goes back to basics

JEEP is recreating a winning formula with the all-new Cherokee due in May, using a look that launched the same model and the brand here in 1993.

Estate car capacity was married to rugged genuine off-road ability in the best Jeep tradition and at an affordable price. The new car is said to retain the same selling points while being better on-road.

The new Cherokee features the familiar 2.8-litre Mercedes-Benz diesel that has enabled Jeep and other Chrysler Group brands to grow UK sales.

This engine is mated with 'Selec-Trac II' full-time four-wheel drive plus a six-speed manual or five-speed automatic gearbox.



### Why Insignia labels Vauxhall's ambition

VAUXHALL'S intention to attack premium car makers has gained weight from the unveiling of the stunning Vectra replacement – the Insignia.

Due in October, the new car looks muscular and purposeful with a coupé-style roofline and distinctive design line running from behind the front wheel.

Ironically, it is not only the likes of Audi and BMW who will be curious to see if the Insignia is as good as it looks; Ford also responded to the premium threat by launching an upmarket Mondeo replacement in 2007.



### Clever new generation Peugeot estate/MPV

PEUGEOT has announced attractive pricing for the latest of its distinctive SW line of estate car cum MPVs.

The new 308SW starts at £14,395 and carries over while improving hallmarks of the 307SW it replaces, such as a 27 per cent larger panoramic glass roof available on higher spec models.

There is also the usual wide array of diesel engines and certain models will be available with Michelin energy-saving tyres able to boost fuel economy by up to a fifth.



**BUILT TO LAST:** With its sporty looks and a seven-year/100,000-mile warranty, the new Kia Proceed is well worth a look and is proof of the Korean marque's fast-improving status

## Never mind the width – 'Proceed' to the quality

NEVER mind the quality, feel the width summarised the first Kia I ever road tested.

That previous generation Rio was crude and even broke down after I had filed the story.

How far the Korean marque has come in the five years since then; this week's road test Proceed not only feels bulletproof, but is backed by a seven-year/100,000-mile warranty, unique to selected Kias.

OK, Kia simply looked and learned from the best European marques, but the speed and execution has been awesome; the Proceed is styled and engineered to European standards and built in a state-of-the-art Slovakian factory.

This three-door hatch is based on the Ceed five-door launched last year, but justifies its sportier name by being slightly longer and lower, enhanced visually by a high waist, longer side doors, dramatic body line and tailgate spoiler.

However, it retains the airiness and boot of the Ceed, though a fixed rear seat cushion denies the flat load floor of the parent

## ROAD TEST

### CHEVROLET CAPTIVA

BY STEVE LOADER

#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

car, even if the 60/40 split backrest remains.

The seats are well designed and interior materials, fit and finish are better than most mainstream rivals, yet the Kia still offers superb value – from £11,795 including air con, alloys and iPod/MP3 player compatibility as standard, plus that 'buy and forget warranty'.

We put the car's sporting looks to the test by climbing into the current Proceed flagship, the 138bhp 2.0-litre diesel Sport (£15,495), which has plenty of low down clout and can set the front wheels scrabbling if you aim for the car's claimed 10-second 0-60mph time, but it can be raucous and I prefer the all-round appeal of Kia's smaller 1.6-diesel unit.

This 2.0-litre Proceed can be hustled though, even if it does push its nose wider on bends and the ride can get fidgety. Used sensibly though, this model is refined at speed and frugal – it can average 50mpg – helped by a smooth six-speed gearbox, while CO2 emissions of only 149 grams should appeal to the fleet market. A hot hatch 'halo model' is also said to be in the pipeline.



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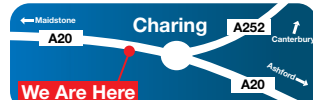
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**147** 1.6, T Spark, 2001, red, 50685 miles, £3995, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

**156**, 1.9 Jtd Turismo 4d Saloon, immobiliser, electric mirrors, climate control, alloy wheels, metallic grey, 49000 miles, £5990, Kent TDI Centre, Maidstone, 01622 750022 (TRADE)

## AUDI

**A2**, SE 5dr, remote central locking, alarm, air conditioning, climate control, cd player, radio, twin air bags, abs, power steering, cloth upholstery, alloy wheels, blue, 56300 miles, £5995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

**A3**, 2.0 TDI (140) Sport 3dr, alarm, immobiliser, remote central locking, colour coded interior, adjustable steering column, power steering, stability control, trip computer, abs, multiple airbags, colour coded body, front fog lamps, metallic paintwork, rear spoiler, rear wash/wipe, electric front windows, electric mirrors, dual climate zones, cd player, alloy wheels, metallic grey, 64000 miles, £10490, AR Cars, Kent, 01342 851122 (TRADE)

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**1 SERIES**, 120d SE 5dr, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, alloy wheels, climate control, power assisted steering, side airbags, radio/cd, rear headrests, traction control, insurance group 1, black, 27511 miles, £15994, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 0844 5762476 (TRADE)

**3**, 2002, grey, 62684 miles, £8995, WJ King Vauxhall, Bromley, 020 8464 3456 (TRADE)

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**C3**, 1.4i SX 5dr, 2004, 1.4i sx 5dr hatch, blue, 28000 miles, £6295, Wilmoths Ashford, Ashford, 01233 640100 (TRADE)

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**C3**, 1.6i 16V SX 5dr Auto, 2007, 1.6i 16v sx 5dr auto hatch, silver, 1000 miles, £9995, Wilmoths Folkestone, Folkestone, 01303 245 588 (TRADE)

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**CALIBER**, 1.8 SE 5dr, 14/04/2007, cd player power steering electric windows, black, 5700 miles, £8499, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 0844 992321 (TRADE)

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**500**, Sport, air conditioning, alloy wheels, anti-lock brakes, drivers airbag, electric windows, leather interior, passenger airbag, power steering, remote central locking, side airbags, split/folding rear seats, tinted glass, traction control, trip computer, red, 3000 miles, £10495, Thames Group Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

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**BRAVO**, Dynamic, alloy wheels, anti-lock brakes, climate control, drivers airbag, electric windows, passenger airbag, side airbags, split/folding rear seats, tinted glass, traction control, trip computer, metallic paint, blue, 7000 miles, £11995, Thames Group Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

**PUNTO**, Active 1.2, 2003, silver, 45000 miles, £2995, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

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**FIESTA**, 1.4 Style 5dr (2005 - ), 15/03/2007, cd player abs alarm driver airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows, black, 8924 miles, £7999, Invicta Motors, Ashford, 01233 504400 (TRADE)

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**CARENS**, 1.8 LX, 2004, insurance group 8 abs air conditioning body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electrodor mirrors immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cassette rear electric windows remote central locking steering wheel rake adjustment, imperial blue, 38000 miles, £4295, Masters Bromley Kia, Beckenham, 0208 662 6133 (TRADE)

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**COLT**, 1.3 C22, 2006, abs air conditioning alloy wheels audio remote control body coloured bumpers central locking drivers airbag folding rear seats front height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser radio/cd steering wheel rake adjustment trip computer, lunar silver, 12000 miles, £6499, Masters Group Mitsubishi Bromley, Beckenham, 0208 6587122 (TRADE)

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**MICRA**, 1.2 16v S Hatchback 5dr auto, 06/2006, 13,000 miles, £5795, Chertton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

**MICRA**, S 1.2, 2005, aruba blue metallic with grey high velour, 20000 miles, £4995, UM Motors, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

**MICRA**, 1.2, 2005, blade silver with grey high velour, 24000 miles, £4995, UM Motors, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

**PRIMERA**, 1.8 S 5dr, abs, air bag, twin air bags, side air bags, alarm, central locking, climate control, upholstery, head restraints, rear electric windows, cd player, rear wash/wipe, alloy wheels, ice blue met, 25432 miles, £7999, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

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**107**, Urban, anti-lock brakes, central locking, drivers airbag, electric windows, passenger airbag, power steering, side airbags, split/folding rear seats, trip computer, black, 9195 miles, £5795, Thames Group Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

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**MEGANE**, Scenic Expression+ 16v, immobiliser, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, cd player, air conditioning, electric windows, electric mirrors, beige/buff, 55000 miles, £3999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

**MEGANE**, Extreme 16v 3dr, central locking, immobiliser, power steering, cloth upholstery, head restraints, air bag, colour coded body, stereo, rear wash/wipe, cd player, silver, red, 40000 miles, £4999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

**MEGANE**, 1.5 dci 16v Oasis 5dr hatch special eds, blue, 33034 miles, £6495, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

**MEGANE**, 1.9 Dci 120 Dynamique 5dr, blue, 2003, 44000 miles, manual, diesel, 5 doors, 2 previous owners, blue, £5489, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

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- Well organised with a systematic approach to code writing
- Understanding the importance of development, integration and delivery of code
- Experience with versioning software (Subversion would be an advantage)

**Interested?** Then please send your CV and covering letter to **Holiday Extras, Newingreen, Hythe, Kent CT21 4JF** or to **[recruitment@holidayextras.com](mailto:recruitment@holidayextras.com)**

**Closing Date: 25 April 2008**



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### Area Team Leader - Primary Mental Health Project Manager

Starting salary £26,159 with progression through contribution related pay to £29,920 per annum  
Swale

Do you have experience of and commitment to working with young people, and could you support and offer guidance to other colleagues?

We are seeking to appoint a Team Leader who is bright, full of ideas and enjoys using their initiative, to join our dedicated and highly effective staff team.

The primary function of this role is to establish and support Kent Safe Schools Primary Mental Health Project, a new initiative targeted at young people in Swale schools and working closely with teachers, Health professional and CAMHS workers. You would work with multi-agencies, schools, parents, children and young people with the intention of making schools a safer environment for young people, and to facilitate the referral of young people through schools into mental health support programmes.

In addition to the Project Manager duties, the Area Team Leader will be expected to work closely with all agencies, schools and communities to identify networking opportunities and establish firm partnerships. You will take a shared responsibility for supporting other staff delivering in the same area, with a particular focus on the co-ordination of services, induction and training.

We are looking for applicants with a good understanding of educational issues who possess experience of working with young people, ideally in primary phase. Ref: CFE/08/0147

**Closing date: Midday, 8th May 2008.**

### Partnership with Parents

Starting salary £26,159, with progression through contribution related pay to £29,920 per annum (pro rata for temporary post)  
Shepway Centre, Maidstone

We are looking to recruit people with exceptional communication skills who are committed to promoting good communication between parents, schools and agencies and increasing parental involvement.

You will need excellent oral and written communication skills, experience of developing partnerships with a wide range of people and experience of working with parents.

### Partnership with Parents Development Officer - Parent Forums

Temporary/Secondment opportunity until April 2009

This is an exciting opportunity for someone with the right skills. We have been contracted by the Extended Schools Service to set up Parent Forums in each LCSP/Cluster. Do you have the skills to help us? Experience of managing projects is essential. Ref: CFE/08/0161

### Partnership with Parents Development Officer

Full time post

This is an exciting opportunity for you to join our team at a time of significant development. We are an arm's length service providing an impartial advice and support service to parents and carers of children with additional needs.

We also work closely with schools, services and agencies to promote parental involvement.

We believe that good communication between all those involved in a child's education is key to good relationships which will help children achieve. Experience of delivering training and knowledge of AEN and SEN processes is essential. Ref: CFE/08/0162

Supervision will be provided for both posts.

**Closing date for the above two posts: Midday, 8th May 2008.**

The above posts are all subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau.

### Personnel Assistant

Starting salary £16,627 with progression through contribution related pay to £18,288 pro rata  
Brook House, Whitstable

The Schools' Personnel Service provides a comprehensive personnel service to schools across Kent. This includes giving advice on terms and conditions of employment, producing contracts and liaising with the schools' payroll providers.

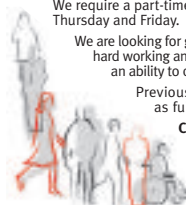
We require a part-time Personnel Assistant (job share), working 22 hours per week - Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

We are looking for good team workers, educated to GCSE level or equivalent, to join our busy, hard working and friendly team. A high degree of tact and confidentiality is required as well as an ability to organise and prioritise work; keep calm under pressure and work to deadlines.

Previous personnel experience would be an advantage but not essential, as full training is given. Ref: CED/08/0049

**Closing date: Midday, 7th May 2008.**

To apply for any of these posts, visit [www.kent.gov.uk/jobs](http://www.kent.gov.uk/jobs)  
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**Environment - Transportation Services****Technical Officer****£20,004 - £24,444 (pay award pending)**

The Transportation section has an extensive workload including issues such as car park maintenance, bus shelters, parking control schemes, street name plates, road closures, parking bays, signs and lines and much more.

Your responsibilities will include assessing and implementing disabled persons bay applications and maintaining/improving car parks and on street parking furniture. You will also be assisting in implementing the Council's parking strategy.

With an HNC/HND or equivalent in relevant subject you will have previous experience working with contractors and be able to solve technical problems and taking appropriate action after considering a range of options.

**Civil Enforcement Officer****£17,043 - £20,649 (pay award pending)**

Civil Enforcement Officers have the responsibility to enforce parking regulations on the highway as well as council car parks across the whole of the Shepway district.

We are looking to recruit a Civil Enforcement Officer to join this vibrant team in this challenging role. Successful applicants will have excellent communication skills both orally and written; be able to demonstrate team working, work under pressure and handle conflict calmly; have a positive and friendly approach and a reasonable level of fitness.

Previous experience is not as important as a positive, motivated person who is quick and willing to learn. Full training will be provided and the team generally aims to offer a supportive working environment.

You will be required to work on a shift system between the hours of 8am - 8pm any 5 out of 7 days including bank holidays. A full driving license will be necessary.

Please contact Frederick Miller, Transportation Manager on 01303 853207 for more information about either post.

For application details download at [www.shepway.gov.uk](http://www.shepway.gov.uk) or email [jobs@shepway.gov.uk](mailto:jobs@shepway.gov.uk) alternatively call our 24 hour answer-phone service on 01303 853481.

The closing date for applications is Wednesday 7 May 2008.

**Folkestone**Hythe & Romney Marsh  
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**Social Worker –  
Specialist Palliative Care** Ref: CA0980D

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Location: The Wisdom Hospice, Rochester.

Managing your own caseload, you will assess and respond to the needs of adults affected by serious illness, death and bereavement, with opportunities to work with individuals, families (including children) and in groups. As an advocate for service users who are at the end of life, you will provide counselling support, deal with complex practice issues and ethical dilemmas. You will work in a small team of specialist social workers and counsellors who work in partnership with health colleagues to provide high quality, seamless, therapeutic care. The service is provided across the Medway and Swale area, where service users are seen in the community, in the inpatient unit and in day hospice.

Within a supportive work environment, you will receive excellent supervision and development opportunities including the chance to attend relevant internal and external courses.

In addition to a DipSW or CQSW, you must have demonstrable post qualification experience of counselling people affected by serious illness. You must be registered, or in the process of registering with the GSCC. A full driving licence is essential. Any offer of appointment will be subject to a Criminal Records Bureau enhanced disclosure. All posts will be open to part-time and job share applicants unless designated as an exception.

For an informal discussion, please contact Ann McMurray,  
Social Work Manager, Palliative Care or Marilyn Russell,  
Senior Practitioner on 01634 830456.

Closing date: 2 May, 2008.

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Working within the existing Building Maintenance team and assisting the Safety Officer, this is a hands-on role covering all aspects of Health, Safety, Fire and Environmental issues within the Council. No previous Safety knowledge or experience is required as the successful candidate will be given full training and be expected to undertake professional examinations.

The role will involve supporting the Safety Officer and others, carrying out site inspections and helping maintain documentation.

This is an excellent opportunity for someone looking to establish a career within health and safety and the desire to progress to a higher grade (Career Graded) within the organisation following qualification training and experience.

Candidates must hold a minimum of 3 A levels, but preferably a degree or equivalent and previous experience of a work environment such as office or construction administration would be an advantage. Although no prior health and safety knowledge is needed, excellent organisational skills coupled with strong IT skills will be required together with the desire to continue with education.

We welcome applications for flexible working arrangements.

In addition to salary, we can offer you a generous annual leave allowance, paid bank holidays, Local Government final salary pension scheme and flexi time working.

For further information contact Human Resources, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 3HT. Telephone (01795) 417414 (24 hour voice mail) quoting ref: 510AM1.

E-Mail: [hr@swale.gov.uk](mailto:hr@swale.gov.uk) Website: <http://jobs.swale.gov.uk>

Closing date: 6 May 2008 Interviews: 15/16 May 2008

**Further Education Sports Co-ordinator (FESCo)**

Salary: £28,378 pro rata per annum

Location: South Kent College, Folkestone

Post: 15 hours per week

(3 year fixed-term contract renewable subject to continuous funding)

**For South Kent College based at Folkestone as part of  
The Shepway School Sport Partnership.**

We are looking for a committed individual to develop this new role of a Further Education Sport Co-ordinator. As a pilot partnership, The Shepway School Sport Partnership and South Kent College are looking to appoint an individual (teacher or non teacher) to support the development and delivery of sport for the 16-19 age group.

As a new role the FESCo will look to audit the current provision of sport for this age group and work to implement strategies and schemes focused on widening participation, increasing opportunity and improving both intra and inter college competition.

The successful candidate will have a passion for sport and have experience of working within either an education or sports development setting. They will have excellent interpersonal skills, hold the ability to be part of a team whilst also working on their own initiative. They will have the determination and commitment to make a difference and have a true belief in the value of sport.

**The closing date for receipt of all completed application forms is  
Wednesday 7th May 2008.**

For further information and an application pack for the above vacancy, please contact the Human Resources Department on either 0845 207 8222 (24 hour answerphone), email: [humanresources@southkent.ac.uk](mailto:humanresources@southkent.ac.uk) or visit [www.southkent.ac.uk](http://www.southkent.ac.uk)

All posts are subject to a disclosure check by the Criminal Records Bureau.

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To apply please contact Sandie Hornby on 01795 583440 or email [sandie.swalecarers@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:sandie.swalecarers@tiscali.co.uk)

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**MASONRY  
OPERATIONS  
LABOURER**  
Reliable and adaptable Labourer required for busy stonemasonry and general masonry operation. Driving licence would be an advantage. Good basic salary and benefits package available. Hours of work will be Monday to Friday from 8 am to 4.30 pm all year round.  
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For more information, Job Description and application form, please telephone the School's Personnel Department on 01227 595655 (24 hour answerphone).  
**Closing date for receipt of completed  
application forms: 23rd April 2008**  
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# MEDWAY TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES



## PRIMARY SCHOOLS

**Teacher**  
**Burnt Oak Primary School**  
KS2 Teacher  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 12 May 2008  
**To apply/more information**  
Mrs Gill Perry, Headteacher  
Burnt Oak Primary School  
Cornwall Road  
Gillingham  
Kent ME7 1LP  
Telephone - (01634) 852991  
Fax - 01634 571283  
Email  
office@burntoak.medway.sch.uk

**Fairview Community Primary School**  
Foundation Teacher  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full time and fixed term  
Term of contract: 1 Year  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 28 April 2008  
**To apply/more information**  
Diana Parker, Office Manager  
Fairview Community Primary School  
Drewery Drive  
Wigmore  
Gillingham  
Kent ME8 0NU  
Telephone - (01634) 338710  
Email office@fairviewprimary.medway.sch.uk

**Fairview Community Primary School**  
Year 3  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full time and fixed term  
Term of contract: 1 Year  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 2 May 2008  
**To apply/more information**  
Diana Parker, Office Manager  
Fairview Community Primary School  
Drewery Drive  
Wigmore  
Gillingham  
Kent ME8 0NU  
Telephone - (01634) 338710  
Email office@fairviewprimary.medway.sch.uk

**Gordon Junior School**  
KS2 Teacher (Responsibility for Literacy)  
Salary: MPS + TLR 2b - £3940  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 13 May 2008  
**To apply/more information**  
Mrs Ellen Wilson, Headteacher  
Gordon Junior School  
Gordon Road  
Strood  
Rochester  
Kent ME2 3HQ  
Telephone - (01634) 719971  
Fax - 01634 290337  
Email headteacher@gordon-jun.medway.sch.uk

**Hempstead Junior School**  
Key Stage 2 Teacher  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full Time and Temporary  
Term of contract: Maternity Cover  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 2 May 2008

**To apply/more information**  
Mr David Bignell, Headteacher  
Hempstead Junior School  
Birch Grove  
Hempstead  
Gillingham  
Kent ME7 3SD  
Telephone - (01634) 371823  
Fax - 01634 233328  
Email office@hempsteadjnr.medway.sch.uk

**Luton Junior School**  
Class Teacher and Subject Leader for Music  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 24 April 2008  
**To apply/more information**  
Sheila Scott  
Luton Road Junior School  
Luton Road  
Chatham  
Kent ME4 5AW  
Telephone - (01634) 844149  
Fax - 01634 843582  
Email scott001@medway.org.uk

**The Pilgrim School**  
KS2 Teacher  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 2 May 2008  
**To apply/more information**  
Mrs D Field, Office Manager  
The Pilgrim School  
Warwick Crescent  
Borstal  
Rochester  
Kent ME1 3LF  
Telephone - (01634) 841873  
Email  
office@pilgrim.medway.sch.uk

**Elaine Primary**  
KS2 Teacher  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full Time and Permanent  
Closing Date: 9th May 2008  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
**To apply/more information**  
Mrs Lynn Garnham, Headteacher  
Elaine Primary  
Elaine Avenue  
Strood  
Kent ME2 2YN  
Telephone - (01634) 718057  
E-mail Headteacher@elaine.medway.sch.uk

**Deputy Headteacher**  
**Fairview Community Primary School**  
Deputy Headteacher  
Salary: L12-L16 +relocation package  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 9 May 2008  
**To apply/more information**  
Debbie Willis, Headteacher  
Fairview Community Primary School  
Drewery Drive  
Wigmore  
Gillingham  
Kent ME8 0NU  
Telephone - (01634) 338710  
Email headteacher@fairviewprimary.medway.sch.uk

**Elaine Primary**  
Deputy Headteacher  
Salary: L10-L14 (£43,656-£48,138)  
Full Time and Permanent  
Closing Date: 6th May 2008  
Required From: 1 September 2008

**To apply/more information**  
Mrs Lynn Garnham, Headteacher  
Elaine Primary  
Elaine Avenue  
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Kent ME2 2YN  
Telephone - (01634) 718057  
E-mail Headteacher@elaine.medway.sch.uk

**Headteacher**  
**Maundene School**  
Headteacher  
Salary: L20-L26 £55,782-£64,611  
Full Time and Permanent  
**To apply/more information**  
Sue Bowers, Medway Council  
Civic Centre  
Strood  
Rochester  
Kent ME2 4AU  
Telephone - (01634) 331100  
Email vacancies@medway.gov.uk

## SECONDARY SCHOOLS

**Teacher**  
**Chatham South**  
Teacher of History  
Salary: MPS / UPS  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 25 April 2008  
**To apply/more information**  
Mrs Maureen Chipperfield  
Chatham South  
Letchworth Avenue  
Chatham  
Kent ME4 6NT  
Telephone - (01634) 404277  
Fax - 01634829010  
Email Chipm002@medway.org.uk

**Chatham South**  
**Teacher of Mathematics**  
Salary: MPS / UPS  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 25 April 2008  
**To apply/more information**  
Mrs Maureen Chipperfield  
Chatham South  
Letchworth Avenue  
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Fax - 01634829010  
Email Chipm002@medway.org.uk

**Greenacre School**  
Teacher of PE  
Full Time and permanent  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 30 April 2008  
**To apply/more information**  
Mr A J Reese, Headteacher  
Greenacre School  
Bradfields Avenue  
Chatham  
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Telephone - (01634) 861593  
E-mail  
office@greenacre.medway.sch.uk

**Medway Community College**  
Teacher of English  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
or earlier  
Closing date: 25 April 2008  
**To apply/more information**  
Katharine Pringle/Julie Jones  
Teacher Recruitment Team  
Medway Council  
Civic Centre  
Strood  
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**Medway Community College**  
Mathematics Teacher  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
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**To apply/more information**  
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Teacher Recruitment Team  
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**Rainham School for Girls**  
Teacher of Science/ Health and Social Care  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 2 May 2008  
**To apply/more information**  
Mrs D Francis, Personnel Officer  
Rainham School For Girls  
Derwent Way, Rainham  
Gillingham  
Kent ME8 0BX  
Telephone - (01634) 362746  
Fax - 01634 388334  
Email admin@rsg.org.uk

**St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School**  
Teacher of Law  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full time and permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 28 April 2008  
**To apply/more information**  
Mr D Kelly, Headteacher  
St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School  
Ordinance Street  
Chatham  
Kent ME4 6DP  
Telephone - (01634) 842811  
Email headteacher@st-johnfisher.medway.sch.uk

**The Hundred of Hoo Comprehensive**  
Teacher of Science  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 2 May 2008  
**To apply/more information**  
Mrs K Cruttenden, Headteachers P.A.  
The Hundred of Hoo Comprehensive School  
Main Road, Hoo  
Rochester  
Kent ME3 9HH  
Telephone - (01634) 251443  
Email crutk001@medway.org.uk

**The Hundred of Hoo Comprehensive**  
Teacher of Maths  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 2 May 2008  
**To apply/more information**  
Mrs K Cruttenden, Headteachers P.A.  
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**Assistant Faculty Leader**  
**St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School**  
Assistant Faculty Leader of Religious Education  
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR 2c (£2,364)  
Full time and permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 28 April 2008  
**To apply/more information**  
Mr D Kelly, Headteacher  
St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School  
Ordinance Street  
Chatham  
Kent ME4 6DP  
Telephone - (01634) 842811  
Email headteacher@st-johnfisher.medway.sch.uk

**Assistant Curriculum Leader**  
**The Hundred of Hoo Comprehensive**  
Assistant Curriculum leader (Technology)  
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR 2c (£2,364)  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 28 April 2008  
**To apply/more information**  
Mrs K Cruttenden  
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**Head of Department**  
**Walderslade Girls School**  
Head of Business Studies  
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR 2B  
Full time and permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 2 May 2008  
**To apply/more information**  
Walderslade Girls School  
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Walderslade  
Kent ME5 0LE  
Telephone - (01634) 861596  
Email Headteacher@waldersladegirls.medway.sch.uk

**Curriculum Leader**  
**Rainham School for Girls**  
Curriculum Leader - Geography  
Salary: MPS/UPS +TLR 2b (£4,037)  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 2 May 2008  
**To apply/more information**  
Mrs D Francis, Personnel Officer  
Rainham School For Girls  
Derwent Way, Rainham  
Gillingham  
Kent ME8 0BX  
Telephone - (01634) 362746  
Fax - 01634 388334  
Email admin@rsg.org.uk

**The Hundred of Hoo Comprehensive**  
Curriculum leader - Science  
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR 1b (£9,981)  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 28 April 2008  
**To apply/more information**  
Mrs K Cruttenden  
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**Subject Leader**  
**Greenacre School**  
Subject Leader in English  
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR 1b (£9,981)  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 30 April 2008  
**To apply/more information**  
Mr A J Reese, Headteacher  
Greenacre School  
(A Specialist Sports College)  
Bradfields Avenue  
Chatham  
Kent ME5 0LE  
Telephone - (01634) 861593  
Fax - 01634 869246  
Email  
office@greenacre.medway.sch.uk

**Deputy Headteacher / Curriculum Manager**  
**Walderslade Girls School**  
Salary: L16 - L20  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 1 May 2008  
**To apply/more information**  
Mrs P Conibear, Headteacher  
Walderslade Girls School  
Main Road, Hoo  
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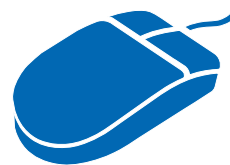
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**Abbey Court Community Special School**  
SEN Teacher  
Salary: MPS + 2 SEN Points  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 9 May 2008  
**To apply/more information**  
Linda Taylor  
Abbey Court Community Special School  
Rede Court Road  
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Kent ME2 3SP  
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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Vehicle fleet deal helps local economy

ASHFORD construction company GSE Building & Civil Engineering recently took delivery of a fleet of 19 vehicles after linking up with locally based company Kenhire.

The three-year deal is for the supply and maintenance of the company's entire commercial fleet and represents the second long-term agreement between the two companies.

GSE director Derek Gilburd said: "Keeping such investments with local companies is not only vital for the local economy but helps to maintain employment and encourages other local businesses to think about sourcing from within Ashford."

### Will you get an offshore amnesty?

PEOPLE with offshore bank accounts who came forward under last year's tax 'amnesty' will have been waiting anxiously to hear whether their disclosure has been accepted.

This is because HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) has until April 30 to start asking questions about disclosures made under the Offshore Disclosure Facility (ODF).

Mike Down, tax investigations partner at accountants, Baker Tilly, said: "HMRC issued a spate of ODF acceptances recently, but it has encountered problems in the past by starting investigations too close to deadlines and will not want to risk this again."

HMRC has started to contact those who didn't come forward under the amnesty.

### Getting ship shape

SEAFRANCE'S newest ferry is getting a £12 million refit at a Dunkirk shipyard prior to its entry to the fleet this summer.

The main aim of the work is to ensure the ship can manoeuvre easily in the docks at Dover to Calais and offer a spacious passenger area for customers.

The SeaFrance Moliere, like others in the fleet, will have two bars, two restaurants, a large boutique shop and a space dedicated to freight and coach drivers.



**IT COULD BE YOU:** Funding and advice is up for grabs

ONE of Britain's most successful property entrepreneurs, Nick Leslau, could soon be sharing his insight and business acumen with an entrepreneur from Kent.

He is donating four days of his time to mentor the winner of the Bank of Scotland Corporate £30 Million Search for Property Entrepreneurs.

In addition to the £10 million interest-free funding, time with Mr Leslau will provide the winning business with the extra edge it needs to bring about its property dreams.

Mr Leslau is chairman and chief executive of the Prestbury Group, which owns real estate across the country, including Alton Towers, Thorpe Park, Warwick Castle and

# Property magnates could win chance in £10 million

Madame Tussauds in central London.

He said: "In the early stage of my career, an injection of £10 million would have made a huge difference when I was growing my business. I'd encourage any local property entrepreneurs to enter the search."

He added: "Entrepreneurs work very hard at finding reasons to do a deal, whereas non-entrepreneurs find lots of reasons not to do a deal."

"Property entrepreneurs need drive, courage and the ability to spot and take an opportunity. "I would also recommend against looking at property on a nice sunny day and never fall in love with a piece of real estate - this is an investment, after all."

While Mr Leslau will lend his advice to the overall winner, the judging panel in Kent will feature two well-known property

entrepreneurs from the region.

Graham Stanley, from Moorfield Group and Edward Wojakowski, from Tonstate, will be joined on the judging panel by senior representatives from Bank of Scotland Corporate, Property Week and Deloitte.

Short-listed applicants in each territory will be given the opportunity to present their business idea to the judging panel, and then each group of finalists will be invited to a prestigious event in their territory.

The three regional winners will then go forward to a national final in December where the bank's overall Property Entrepreneur of the Year will be named.

Entry forms can be downloaded at [www.thebossearch.co.uk](http://www.thebossearch.co.uk) and must be submitted by Monday, June 9.

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**SOLID START:** Scott Wilson will look to improve on a good start to the season as he moves to the next round in China

## Teen on track for China

### BIKE TRIALS

PROMISING bike trial rider Scott Wilson has made a solid start to the new season with a respectable finish in the second world cup event of the year in Barcelona.

The 17-year-old from Lydd, was disappointed with his start to the season in Belgium in January where he finished 27th.

However, he knew the event at Barcelona would be tough, as he would be competing against the world's top riders.

Too many small mistakes cost Wilson as he finished 36th overall, despite qualifying 26th.

But he was happy to finish in

take the positives out of that."

This week, Wilson travels to China for the first time to compete in a new event called the Biketrial Masters Cup.

He is one of only two riders from England to be invited to the competition and is hoping he will be able to carry on improving on the good form he showed last season.

He added: "The competition is to promote the sport in the country ahead of this year's Olympics.

"Trialling is fast becoming a huge sport and I'm excited to be one of two British riders who are going to take part in the competition."

## Reeves prepares for TT challenge

SIDECAR ace Tim Reeves has been testing his new bike in a bid to improve his speed on the machine ahead of the notorious Isle of Man TT in June.

Reeves and passenger Patrick Farrance from Tenterden will be competing in their first ever TT together and believe they can win.

He added: "It is vital that I know this new bike inside and out for the event. The race is very tough on both machine and the rider and I do not want to go there just to finish the race."

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**Gills boss Mark Stimson** on the club's chances of avoiding relegation

## Reserves storm to cup success

ASHFORD Town reserves are the new holders of the Kent Football League First/Second Division Cup, as they beat Dartford 2-1 in the final, played at Whitstable Town's Belmont Ground.

Town knew it would be a tall order, as Dartford are a division above them but on the day, Ashford caused a shock.

Ashford could have taken the lead on four minutes but Aaron Abbott's penalty crashed against the bar.

The Nuts and Bolts hero was Scott Bouvier who netted one in each half. Former Faversham Town striker Rikki Freeman scored a late consolation for Dartford but it was not enough as Ashford went on to lift the trophy.

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# 'If only we'd begun the season like this'

### FOOTBALL

BY TOM HOWARD

#### Ashford Town 4 Chipstead 0

A TOP-ten finish looks to be on the cards for Ashford Town as they continued their fine end of season form with a fourth consecutive win at the Homelands.

Town boss Steve Lovell continued with his rotation policy for the remaining games of the season, with young striker Andy Doerr making his debut start. Ryan Briggs, Anthony Hogg and Mark Lovell all returned to the starting XI.

The home side opened the scoring on 17 minutes through Doerr, who netted his first senior goal for the club. Tony Browne broke down the right and his cross was met by the head of Doerr who made no mistake.

In the second half, Ashford maintained their dominance and Hogg netted a second from substitute Jimmy Bottle's cross.

With eight minutes remaining, Ashford scored a third through Paul Jones who planted a low shot past Chipstead goalkeeper Andy Parkinson. The home side wrapped up the three points with a Danny Lye injury-time strike.

The Ashford manager was pleased with the win and heaped praise on new striker Doerr after scoring his first goal for the club.

#### Tough

Lovell told Yourashford: "It was a really good result. We did well and to be honest it was a comfortable victory.

"Young Andy Doerr did well with his goal on his first start for the first team. He has had a tough season with a long injury lay off, but he deserves his run out in the team. From what I have seen of him in the last two games, he will be here next season."

In the last six games, Ashford have picked up 14 points, racking up four wins, including a comfortable victory over play-off hopefuls Dulwich Hamlet and two draws.

He added: "We are putting together a good run at the moment. In the last four home games we have won all of them and have not conceded a goal.

"In those games we have scored ten goals, so I can't argue with that. It's just a shame we are putting this run together now and not at the start of the season. If we had started like this we would have been in the top three for sure."



Picture: ISOH KURPO

**ON FORM:** Ashford Town recorded their fourth consecutive home win and a top half finish looms for the Nuts and Bolts

Ashford's final game of the season is a trip to play-off hopefuls Worthing and Lovell is hoping his side can continue their run of good form.

He said: "I want to win the final game of the

season. It is going to be tough but it is possible. Whatever happens in the game we should finish better in the league than the last few seasons, which is good. However, next year I want us to be better."





Picture: AIRWAVES DUCATI

**BACK ON TRACK:** Leon Camier battled through the field to score two points finishes in the opening round of the British Superbike Championship at Thruxton

# Camier in points on return from injury

LEON Camier produced a strong ride for his first race meeting since his season-ending crash in August, with two points finishes at Thruxton for the opening round of the British Superbike Championship.

The Airwaves Ducati rider managed to qualify sixth for the first race seven tenths of a second behind team mate and pole-sitter Shane 'Shakey' Byrne. His hard work during qualifying was undone as a poor start saw him slip to tenth position on lap four.

At the half way stage he regrouped and slowly crept up the field and on lap 15 he passed Rizla Suzuki's Tom Sykes for fifth

## MOTORSPORT

■ BY TOM HOWARD

place at the chicane. At the chequered flag Camier finished fifth behind race one winner Byrne, Cal Crutchlow and Michael Rutter.

The second race was split into two as the red flag came out on lap seven for a horrific crash involving Karl Harris.

At the restart, Camier got off the line well and went in pursuit of Byrne. For the majority of the race the Ashford-born rider was left to battle with Sykes and he managed to pass him for an eventual fourth place on lap ten.

Crutchlow took the win from Byrne and Rutter, which left Camier fourth in the overall standings after the first round.

Camier said: "It's been a good start to the season for me. Team boss Colin Wright has been setting me goals throughout this week-end and I have achieved them all so I am pretty happy.

"It was a realistic result for me, considering my injuries and everything that has happened, and now we have gathered some really valuable information for the next race which is something I had been lacking.

"I am going to go away and work on getting fitter and stronger and look forward to Oulton Park. It's a circuit I like and I think I can achieve a good result."

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## HOME SWEET HOMELANDS



Picture: IGOR KUPCO

**GREAT BUNCH:** New keeper says he is enjoying his time at Ashford

## Riley settled at Nuts and Bolts

GOALKEEPER Jamie Riley has had a hectic season playing for three clubs this term, but at Ashford he believes he had found a place he can settle.

Riley started the season at Ryman Premier League side East Thurrock United before moving to Sittingbourne on loan where he first joined Steve Lovell.

Riley told Yourashford: "I started the season at East Thurrock but I fell out with the manager and was dropped for a number of games. He told me that I would only feature on the bench so I decided to move and when Steve came in for me at Sittingbourne, I jumped at the chance and then followed him to Ashford."

Since his move to Ashford Town last winter Riley has been the first choice keeper at the Homelands and has kept eight clean sheets this season and puts the club's success down to Lovell.

He said: "I have settled here well. Ashford is a great club with a great bunch of players and all being well I think we have the squad to build on this season and fight for the league title next year.

"Ever since Steve Lovell has been here the club's fortunes have been transformed and to be honest Lovell was one of the reasons why I came to the club."

The 20-year-old firmly believes Ashford can follow in the footsteps of Dover next year and gain promotion to the Ryman Premier League.

He added: "We are building for next season and I believe there will be perhaps five or six new faces coming in over the summer, but I am confident I will keep my place in the team for next season. I think if we can be consistent we can follow Dover and lift the title.

"It is a good time to be at the club with all the development that is going on. The pitch I believe is going to be completely transformed in the summer so we should not have so many games cancelled next season which has cost us this year."

# Trophy final line-up is confirmed



Picture: IGOR KUPCO

**GOAL FEST:** Brewmaster (in red and black) score five and still come away with a 7-5 defeat against Kennington

THE final of the Sheber Trophy has been decided as Ashford Spartans and Market Hotel Reserves will take on each other at the Homelands on May 4.

Market Hotel reserves were taken all the way by Galacticos before winning 2-1, Dean Metcalf and Joe Ansell the Market scorers and James Hamilton replying for Galacticos.

Ashford Spartans had to come from behind to beat Shadoxhurst 2-1, Damian Morse put Shadoxhurst in front.

Innocent Marambe levelled things up for Spartans. With less than two minutes left on the clock, a Jim Beeching goal put Spartans into the final.

The Ashford Charity Trophy final has also been finalised, as Bromley Green thrashed The Albion 7-2 to book their place with the help of a Marcus Hodges hat-trick.

In the Premier Division, Ashford Cavaliers and Market Hotel played out a 1-1 draw, Steve Harris on target for Cavaliers and Dan Cornell

## FOOTBALL

equalising for Market. A high scoring game at Hopes Grove saw Kennington just edge out Brewmaster 7-5, Mike Ward with four and one each from Ian Seamen, Steve Ward and James Barham and Dave Abrahams. Mo Alvey, Gary Clark, Paul Trefler and Justin Light scored the goals for Brewmaster.

The performance of the day belonged to Aldington, who thrashed Ashford Dynamo 10-0, with Stuart Daniels scoring four goals.

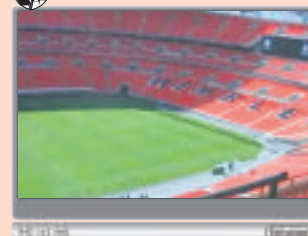
Bliby were the winners of the Division One Cup Final, played at Ashford Town's Homelands Stadium. The first half proved crucial for Bliby as they scored two goals that ultimately secured the victory over Trogs.

Trogs played their hearts out in the second half, but were unable to find a way back into the final, leaving the cup to be claimed by Bliby.

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